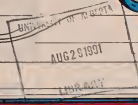




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BANDS ASSUME CONTROL OF FUNDS

by Brian Savage

Three Alberta bands, the Montana, Ermine-skin and Louis Bull, have signed an agreement with the federal government giving the bands greater control of their \$1-billion plus assets gained from oil and gas revenue.

The call for greater Native control was contained in a report drawn up by the legislative section of the Indian Monies Committee, one of several committees made up of chiefs looking at ways to reform the Indian Act.

Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon declared the meeting as indicative of "defining a new relationship," between Natives and the government.

"Indian people should be deciding what is best and as minister I should be your servant."

Siddon praised the committee for its "determination" in finding "workable alternatives (which) will significantly influence the economic, social and political development of Indian communities for years to come."

Each band will be able to vote on whether they want Ottawa to continue to have a say in financial administration or, if three-quarters of the band approves, the chief and council will take over control of the band's revenues.

"Greater economic independence and self-sufficiency cannot be realized so long as bands are prevented by the *Indian Act* from making monies-management decisions," said Siddon.

"There is no one-standard-mold that some group in Ottawa or some national organization agrees to," Siddon added. "We have to be flexible enough to bring about a change in the relationship that must be changed."

Government documents indicate that the Indian Monies Committee was formed in June 1990 when ten Alberta bands met and formalized their structure in October when representatives of Indian Affairs met with "representatives" from the Ermine-skin, Sarcee, Samson, Sawridge, Montana, Louis Bull and Horse Lake bands.

A dissenting voice came from Samson chief Victor Buffalo, whose tribe is the wealthiest and who have launched a lawsuit against Ottawa for almost \$600 million in damages and \$400 million it claims the government owes it.

"The only reason they're doing this is because we're suing them," Buffalo was quoted in the *Edmonton Journal* as saying.



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Government control through grants, subsidies and holding the "purse-strings" has long been a fact of life for not only Native news media but the Native people of Canada. At no time has this been more evident than the past few months. Major "Indian-driven" initiatives are presently underway with various groups and organizations looking at bits and pieces of legislation which badly need revision.

The lack of Aboriginal co-ordination of these efforts is startling and reflects that it is in fact still Ottawa pulling the strings to its own political end. Four constitutional reform committee reports will likely not have near the impact of one consolidated effort. Six government proposals countered by a royal commission will result only in playing politics and not in improving the repressive situation faced by Aboriginal people today.

Although each undertaking is positive on its own, the whole picture of Natives in control of their own destiny has become lost. The need for Aboriginal co-ordination and leadership is paramount. Native leaders must take off their "me" blinders and rekindle the unity and cohesiveness sparked by Elijah Harper.

The federal government is adept at "divide and conquer" tactics awarding land and cash trinkets to any groups who will break away from a united front. The First Nations have proven easy prey for these measures with bickering, in-fighting and deviousness often for personal gain.

Issues of constitutional rights, resource management and self-government need to be de-

cided using a co-ordinated effort of the First Nations' leaders. Egos must be put aside and a consolidated effort must become the new agenda. The time has come to end the reliance of the First Nations on government welfare and dependency.

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COMMUNITIES UNITE TO FACE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS The Athabasca River: Sewage Line to the North

For the second year in a row the community of Fort Chipewyan has been forced to face and cope with an environmental and ecological crisis of enormous proportions. Not only are the residents of the community suffering from the impact of the crisis they are also faced with the grim reality of substantial economic loss which will take a long time to recover.

Health authorities recently informed the people of this isolated community, located on the shores of Lake Athabasca, that their water is not fit for consumption. Costly public measures to ensure potable water is available to the residents were immediately put into effect by the community leaders when informed of the bad news. A wide range of inconveniences are being borne by the people who are angrily wondering why, of all places, this is happening here. The majority of the residents think it is just too coincidental that the crisis occurred, like last year, a week after the city of Fort McMurray dumped a million and a half gallons of sewage into the Athabasca River. Many in Fort Chipewyan believe the pesticides running off the farms near the town of Athabasca compound an obviously worsening environmental disaster. Others are of the opinion that pollution of the Athabasca River is caused to a great extent by the giant tar sands groups near Fort McKay. These and other serious environmental issues are again being raised by the leaders of Fort Chipewyan who are also strongly demanding answers and action by the Federal Government of Canada and the provincial government of Alberta.



Health authorities in Fort McMurray blame the crisis on the back flow of the Peace River. Residents here scoff at the suggestion because of the fact that the natural event of the Peace River back flow has occurred annually for years beyond recorded history without ever creating a crisis of this nature. The Elders of the community support this by saying that historically the people have always enjoyed good waters. Also, the Elders sadly noted a staggering decline in wildlife and the quality of water within the last few years. Their observations are backed by scientific study done over the recent years. The Elders

say it is ironic that the community of Fort Chipewyan is right next to a world class national park (Wood Buffalo) whose mandate is the preservation of the historic quality of wildlife and ecology which the Aboriginal people of the region have traditionally and wisely taken for survival.

Chief Archie Waquan of the Cree band angrily and coldly voiced the following, "It does not take a scientist to know this is a crisis brought about by outside factors. I will be demanding answers from the federal and provincial governments on this ecological disaster. Our people demand to know where the federal government stands on this problem. This crisis has happened for two years, the pollution of the area is obviously worsening and I intend to make sure it is dealt with and does not occur again. Any person with common sense cannot help but seriously wonder if something is being covered up. The truth is not being told and answers must be forthcoming now. My people want the truth and to see something done about it immediately. The federal government has been promising action but it is long overdue. The area is becoming an ecological nightmare."

Chief Pat Marcel of the Athabasca Chipewyan Band #201 raised the specter of frightening proportions when he coldly asked, "If this pollution by far away places is impacting here what about the effects on the communities further north along the McKenzie? What will their reaction be when we inform them of this crisis?"

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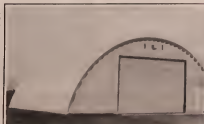


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The Statement of Political Relationship was signed earlier this month by Premier Bob Rae and Gord Peters, Ontario Regional Chief of the Chiefs of Ontario as well as Bud Wildman, Ontario Minister Responsible for Native Affairs and 11 Chiefs representing regional First Nations organizations and independent First Nations.

"We—the First Nations and the Government of Ontario—now have a common basis of understanding to guide us in negotiations on self-government and land claims, in assessing Aboriginal and treaty rights and in making improvements to the quality of life in Aboriginal communities," remarked Bud Wildman, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs.

"That common basis is the recognition that First Nations are distinct nations with their governments, cultures, languages, traditions, customs and territories. We recognize that the inherency of the right of self-government is based on the First Nations' occupancy of the land in self-governing societies for many centuries before non-Aboriginal settlers arrived."

The intent and wording of the document, which follows, is the result of several months of negotiations between Ontario and the First Nations, represented by the Chiefs of Ontario. Now that the document is signed, Ontario and the First Nations will begin a process of consultation on ways in which the principles in the Statement of Political Relationship can be put into practice.

The Statement of Political Relationship recognizes that the First Nations in Ontario have an inherent right to be self-governing within the Canadian Constitution. The document is a commitment by Ontario that it will deal with the First Nations as governments and that it will work to make self-government a reality.

"The Statement of Political Relationship must be viewed as a document which will start the process of developing a new order of relationships between First Nations and non-Aboriginal people," stated Wildman.

He added that a number of changes would be made to policies and programs to reflect the new relationship and that the "ministries will have to re-examine every aspect of how they deal with First Nations." Changes, said Wildman, would

be made in areas including education, social services, health and policing. Some of the power now held by Ministries will "ultimately" be transferred to First Nations and Aboriginal communities so that they can "assume control for day-to-day matters."

Wildman said that the Province of Ontario would assist the First Nations "to develop institutions of self-government" and to develop the fiscal strength that will allow them to become truly independent.

The Chiefs of First Nations' organizations and independent First Nations who signed the document were:

Ontario Regional Chief Gord Peters, Chiefs of Ontario; Grand Chief Joe Miskokomon, Union of Ontario Indians; Grand Chief Steve Fobister, Grand Council Treaty #3; Grand Chief Harry Dextator, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians; Grand Chief Bentley Cheechow, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation; Grand Chief Mike Mitchell, Mohawks of Akwesasne First Nation; Chief William Montour, Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation; Chief Roy

McDonald, Islington First Nation; Chief Howard Pamajewon, Shawanaga First Nation; Chief Gary Potts, Teme-Augama Anishnabai First Nation; Chief Robert Williams, Ojibwas of Walpole Island First Nation; Chief George St. German, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chief Doug Sinoway, Whitesand First Nation.

The signing took place on Mount McKay on the Fort William First Nation near Thunder Bay.

Editors note: On August 6 the Province of Ontario and the Chiefs of Ontario signed a document which recognizes the inherent right of First Nations to self-government. The document entitled *Statement of a Political Relationship* appears below.

Statement of a Political Relationship

WHEREAS the First Nations represented by the Chiefs-in-Assembly (hereinafter "the First Nations") exist in Ontario as distinct nations, with their governments, cultures, languages, traditions, customs and territories;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario (hereinafter "Ontario") recognizes that its relationships with the First Nations are to be based on the Aboriginal rights, including Aboriginal title, and treaty rights of the First Nations recognized and affirmed in the Constitution Act, 1982, including those formally recognized in the Royal Proclamation of 1763, and in the treaties and agreements with the Crown;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's commitment to and participation in this Statement of Political

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"Come, Let us Have Council..."

by Delford Louis Natchawasis

My name is "Son of the Elders," a name given me by godparents while being raised by them a little less than 40 years ago. My parents are of the Cree Tribe of Mid-western Canada. I am married to a Blackfoot girl and we have the good fortune to be blessed with three beautiful children—one girl and two boys.

Here on this physical plane I have been made to suffer much though this suffering has been good for me. My eyes and ears have been opened. My mind has been extended to first of all think of the "roots of life," the beginning of life, the centre of all creation—where all of life begins. For this I am forever grateful.

Long ago my elders taught me much, spoke to me much and sang to me much more. I know this

for when I sit alone for a long time the life around me seems to dance and celebrate life.

Long ago too a dream was given to me, a dream that involved many elders. They all mentioned a "Good Road" and to find that path which would be the pathway to Life and Happiness. A lot happened while I searched for this pathway to Life.

I am forty years on this planet now and somehow it seems I have lived for two thousand.

If we are fortunate enough to be blessed with another day tomorrow then so be it; it is only there for us to love and to share it always.

The spirit of our people will live as long as life itself lasts.

Many years have passed and many more will come to pass as years do pass.

Now I would like to tell you of a few things that could help each one of us and the people of the First Nations to shape our own destiny.

• Behold the morning star for it heralds a new day. There will be many days of peace and everything will be in harmony.

• The eagles have assembled and they will fly into all the world wherever there is life and tell the world of a new and wonderful time here on earth.

• The wolf howls for there is a signal that there is hope and food for all. "Come!" he says, "Let us feast!"

• The mother bear and cubs signal new life and new seasons. The cycles are constant as are the life cycles. Also the buffalo calf is born, and it is to be free rather than captive.

I then began to 'see' what one of my grandfathers had told me long ago, "Listen to the wind and listen to the beat of the drum." Now I believe he meant listen to the inner self for it knows no hate and only celebrates Love. Maybe the drum

meant to listen to the heartbeat for within is Creation—the centre of Life.

It is my hope and prayer that these words provide guidance. The part of us that never sleeps or dies is the missing link in our evolution as spiritual owners of our Creator.

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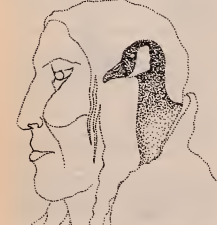
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AND WHEREAS the First Nations and Ontario recognize the need for a mutual understanding of the government(s) to government relationships between them;

NOW THEREFORE THE FIRST NATIONS AND ONTARIO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The inherent right to self-government of the First Nations flows from the Creator and from the First Nations' original occupation of the land.

2. Ontario recognizes that under the Constitution of Canada the First Nations have an inherent right to self-government within the Canadian constitutional framework and that the relationship between Ontario and the First Nations must be based upon a respect for this right.

3. The First Nations and Ontario—involving the government of Canada where appropriate—are committed to facilitate the further articulation, the exercise and the implementation of the inherent right to self-government within the Canadian constitutional framework, by respecting existing treaty relationships, and by using such means as the treaty-making process, constitutional and legislative reform and agreements committed to the First Nations and Ontario.

4. Nothing in this Statement of Political Relationship shall be construed as determining Ontario's jurisdiction or as diminishing Canada's responsibilities towards the First Nations.

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STERRITT DEFENDS CHIEFS GOVERNANCE GROUP

by Brian Savage

The Chiefs Governance Committee is a group of chiefs across the country who are developing new initiatives to overhaul or replace various sections of the *Indian Act*. To date, proposals have been developed regarding lands, revenues and trusts and also forestry management.

Although Minister of Indian Affairs Tom Siddon has hailed the new initiatives as "Indian-driven" legislation, Ovide Mercredi has been quite critical.

Mercredi, Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) maintains that the Assembly does not endorse the work of the chiefs who are revamping the *Indian Act*.

He told the media that he would "much rather see them work with us (the AFN) rather than run the risk of having the Aboriginal community perceive them as tools of Tom Siddon and his bureaucrats."

Neil Sterritt, a member of the Chiefs Governance Committee, detailed the background of the group in an exclusive interview with *Alberta Native News*.

"The group was set up by chiefs in different parts of Canada who came together in February of 1991—saw they were working in areas of common interest—and wanted to see what they could do (as a group)," explained Sterritt.

Sterritt, a chief with the Gitksan Band in British Columbia, was invited by some of the chiefs to attend a meeting and then approached to be chair of the committee. After meeting with his people for their approval, Sterritt accepted the challenge.

The impetus for changing the *Indian Act* gathered momentum with the Lands, Revenues and Trusts Review, according to Sterritt, which "recognized there were First Nations in Canada working well beyond the *Indian Act*"

The need for revision resulted in a group of Native leaders meeting, who "decided they were

prepared to work on some of these issues but only if the government of Canada would agree to certain principles and also only if this was an Indian proactive process. It could not be initiated by the government or by his (Siddon's) staff, it had to be in the control of the chiefs themselves."

Sterritt emphasized that if any input had come from the government all involved were ready to quit, but adds that while "totally Native driven" there are "contacts in the government who are supposed to provide support and resources."

The need to define "self government" for Natives is a prime reason for all the initiatives, says Sterritt.

The various groups developing proposals on a number of sections of the *Indian Act* were started by individuals who recognized the problems that existed in their communities, said Sterritt and who "went to the minister and said, 'look, we want you to support it, we don't want you to do it.'"

Sterritt feels that constitutional and legislative reviews and reforms are "complimentary, and must go on."

But it is here that differences seem to have appeared between Sterritt's groups and the Assembly of First Nations.

"Ovide (Mercredi, national chief of the AFN) says that a comprehensive legislative package is needed, but unfortunately it doesn't respect the diversity of the First Nations, and it's really what happened when the *Indian Act* was developed in 1876."

Sterritt is upset over statements made by Mercredi condemning the various Chiefs' Governance Committee and groups and finds the national chief's attitude puzzling.

At a meeting in Toronto at the end of April of this year a resolution was developed that looked at the relationship between the Crown and First Nations.



According to Sterritt "First Nations across Canada understood that this work did not threaten the constitutional process nor the AFN."

Sterritt claims that one draft proposal was withdrawn after Ovide Mercredi presented him with his own resolution which "allowed for the work we're doing and the constitutional work."

But things changed somewhere along the way.

"I heard Ovide on the CBC," says Sterritt, puzzled, "and there he said he never supported this work; I don't know how he can say that."

Responding to Mercredi's attacks, Sterritt says the chiefs' comments are "extremely unfortunate... we've been trying for a month to meet with him and he's not been returning our calls or answered our letter."

Sterritt does not consider his group a threat to the goals of the AFN unless there is a perception a lot of chiefs do support their work, then "it seems to me the national chief must respond to it... the AFN is not a central government, it is not monolithic, it does what the First Nations Natives say and its very charter says it must respect the diversity of the First Nations,"—a charter, Sterritt points out, that Mercredi helped draft.

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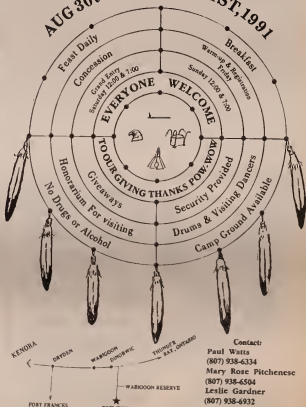
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PEIGAN EVACUATION PLAN UNDERWAY

by Rick Georg

Emergency evacuation plans are well underway for the Peigan Nation neighbouring the Oldman River Dam in southern Alberta.

"It's coming along smoothly," said Fabian Peigan North, chair of the Standing Committee from Council for the Peigan Nation. "The committee and organizational structure is in place and they are aware of their responsibilities."

"The plan has been approved by council. Once it is done, the plan will be distributed to households and businesses on the reserve."

A federal government Environmental Assessment Panel report released on June 21 said "the evacuation plans for the residents of the Peigan Reserve downstream are inadequate and incomplete."

The Peigan Reserve, North said, is late to adopt an emergency evacuation plan because the reserve's situation is different from that of most Alberta communities.

"Any other municipality has a town system. Ours is unique. Families are three to five miles apart. The type of plan used in other municipali-

ties would not accommodate our needs. We had to look at a very extensive 15 by five mile radius. Nobody lives next door to each other."

The plan involves a chain of command with the executive director of the band responsible for disaster co-ordination. Public works and utilities, education, health care and counselling are all taken into account by the plan. The R.C.M.P. also play a large role.

Residents are to be warned of a possible disaster by a combination of telephone, warning devices and word of mouth. Sirens are to be constructed at points on the reserve that will signal a dam failure, fire or other disaster.

In event of a dam failure, "We have 20 minutes to a half hour to get out of there," North said. "Council feels very comfortable the plan will get people out in time. If anything goes wrong, it will not be the fault of the plan, but individual fault."

The cost of implementing the plan could be as high as \$70,000.

"Indian Affairs will cover the majority of the costs. The province has picked up its share through Public Works," North said.

For all the preparation in the event of a dam failure, the risk of a disaster is low. The Environmental Assessment Panel report said the dam design was "consistent with high Canadian and world standards."

"The probability of a failure of the dam, in the opinion of the panel, is very low," said Patricia Woodward, an environmental scientist and executive secretary of the Environmental Assessment Panel. "The need for a plan does not mean the dam is unsafe. A plan is needed just in case, like for an earthquake."

The Peigan people and Fabian North "clearly know what the dam is and are quite frightened at the consequences of failure of the dam," Woodward said in a telephone interview from Vancouver. "Their fears are justified and in the panel's view, an evacuation plan is necessary."

The Peigan, North said, will always be concerned about the possibility of a dam failure.

"We will never feel safe. It will always be a thorn in our side. It's like putting a lion's den in your backyard and trying not to worry about it."

The construction of the dam, "is the result of economic decisions—money," he said. "They never considered the damage, culturally and environmentally that would result."



BANDS ASSUME CONTROL

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The split illustrates the difference of opinion among those who support Ovide Mercredi and the AFN and those involved with the various committees, such as the Chief's Governance Committee, who are reviewing and making proposals on changes to the *Indian Act*.

The Assembly of First Nations feels the proposed Royal Commission should define changes to the *Indian Act*.

Calling the committee proposal a "unique initiative," Siddon declared, "I don't think we can predetermine that a royal commission is

going to come up with the instant solutions to all these problems, nor do I think it's fair to sit around and wait for three or five years."

The report committee's recommendations are "really an embodiment of self-government," stated Siddon, who said the work of the other committees could not be stopped.

"That progress... is preparing a system to deliver self-government in a way that is truly responsible to the wishes of the First Nations."

The proposal will not be binding for those bands who oppose the legislation, according to the minister, who did not give a date by which the changes to the *Indian Act* will be made.

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LODGE MANAGER DEFENDS BAR

by Brian Savage

The murder of a young girl by a drunk teenaged boy has sparked controversy in the northern Alberta town of Fort Chipewyan.

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The first bar in this previously "dry" community was opened in April when a license was obtained for the Fort Chipewyan Lodge, a jointly owned venture by the Cree Band and Metis.

A report written by R.C.M.P. Constable S. G. Hoyland and quoted in *The Edmonton Journal* seems to point to alcohol as a growing threat to the community as crime rates rise.

There were more incidents of public drunkenness, assaults, and Liquor Act violations and "the majority of the increases have occurred since the end of March," says Hoyland, adding, "I cannot over-emphasize the fact that an increase in liquor consumption will, at some point, increase the amount of violent crime."

The constable also called it "wishful thinking" on the part of those who believe that the crime rate will decrease once the community gets "accustomed" to the increased availability of alcohol.

Toby Taylor is the manager of the Fort Chipewyan Lodge and disputes those who feel his bar and off-sales have contributed to the increased crime rate.

"I don't see an association with alcohol people have bought from our licensed establishment and the crime rate in the community," says Taylor. "We don't sell enough alcohol to create such an influx of crime."

The real problem, according to Taylor, lies with bootleggers "and people in the community know that."

Taylor is angered by allegations in a news report of long lineups of people at his off-sale outlet.

"No way. There's never been a lineup at our off-sales. That accounts for a small portion of what we sell."

Taylor says that although off-sales could be sold as late as 2:00 a.m., they close at 10:00 p.m., because "we don't want to supply all the midnight parties with alcohol."

Taylor also claims that since April there has only been a lineup three times for admittance to the 50-seat bar of the Lodge.

Because of its location, Taylor observes that all liquor must be flown in at a high cost, rather than the free shipments that the Alberta Liquor Control Board offers elsewhere.

"We don't make a lot of money from alcohol," says Taylor. "Some, but not a lot."

Taylor also contends that the R.C.M.P. are finally cracking down on bootleggers and disputes figures that indicate a dramatic rise in



"One extra crime and that's a rise of 100 percent, it's falsifying actual reports. In a community that's been dry for 200 years and you open it up to alcohol, you're going to have some growing pains; you have to have the controls in place before those growing pains get out of hand."

"We have to work with the community and because this is a community-owned business we can do that from day one."

Taylor says consultations with community elders, chiefs and the R.C.M.P. went on before the bar opened and one result was an increased crackdown on bootleggers. Taylor contends that the police caught only one bootlegger in all of last year but feels that confiscations at the local airport begun in the last month show more determination on the part of the R.C.M.P.

Taylor also contends that the R.C.M.P. has now cracked down on the sale of mouthwash which sells in Fort Chipewyan at \$22 and \$19 for a bottle.

(Coincidentally, the R.C.M.P. have recently announced the banning of mouthwash in the community after Alberta Native News talked with Taylor.)

The Lodge was built to act as a "catalyst" according to Taylor, in a plan to draw tourists to the area with promotions of various tour packages, "and tourists," adds Taylor, "like to have a libation, they're on holiday."

Taylor feels it is unfair to label the many responsible drinkers in the community by the "one bad apple that ruins the whole barrel."

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The CEO for the Cree Band, Simon Waquan expanded on the grim situation by adding, "Our tourism industry has dropped off drastically, the health of our people is at a high risk and

everyone here has been affected economically by the crisis. Somebody is going to have to be held accountable for the financial losses, the hardships and inconveniences we are being forced to suffer. A problem of this magnitude has not occurred in the south with its much larger cities and greater sewage production. It is tragic that the pollution and negligence of people far from here has caused this crisis at a place the government supposedly recognizes as having a delicate and sensitive ecology."

Simon Waquan concluded by asking, "Who is going to pay for the damage, the cost of cleaning up the pollution and ensuring it is never repeated? Someone has to be held accountable."

Tony Mercredi, Band Manager for the Athabasca Chipewyan Band pointed out that "Since the coming of the Europeans our people have been forced into different lifestyles that were alien to the cultural and traditional ways we had historically lived. We now live under a social development type of program that has made our people dependent upon the government and destroyed our traditional ways and ability to survive as a free and independent people. Now outside forces are not only furthering the erosion of our traditional ways, they are also threatening our health."

The Elders of the community eloquently and sadly summed it up by saying, "Mother Earth, like our natural mothers who sacrificed their bodies to give us life, has given of herself—the land to live on, the air to breathe, the water to drink, the forests for shelter and fire, and the birds, animals and fish for survival. We can now see that Mother Earth is tired. She is having difficulty breathing. It shows on her plant life and trees. Her body has been poisoned. Beavers and muskrats are not as plentiful, and health authorities have warned us not to eat the fish more than once a week. Mother Earth's vital fluids are drying up and where wetlands and marshes once were now see barren mudflats. Her heart is weak. She simply does not have the vitality of life we knew in our youth."

Chief Archie Waquan added to this by saying, "I know the health of Mother Earth is not good. I also know it is because the environment and development are in conflict. Lake Athabasca and the McKenzie Delta is quickly being turned into nothing more than a giant sewage lagoon by the people to the south and outside of this immediate area."

One thing is for certain. The communities of Fort Chipewyan are united and firmly resolved in their drive to get answers and action by the federal government, and secondly, to hold someone accountable for the damage and losses caused by the crisis and pollution of their waters.

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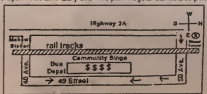
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CROWN WITNESS ADMITS LYING

by Niek Michael

A judicial review into the murder conviction of Wilson Nepoose has revealed that the key witness at his 1987 trial was not telling the truth.

Delma Bull who was a key crown witness has now testified that all of her earlier testimony was fabricated. She says she signed statements that she had seen Nepoose and Marie Rose Desjarlais together the night that Desjarlais was killed because "I felt I had to. It was the only way I could go home."

Bull told Justice William Sinclair's special hearing that the R.C.M.P. forced her to sign the documents and testify, threatening to charge her with perjury and take away her children if she refused.

The cross examination of Bull will continue for a week after which Justice Sinclair will submit a report to the Provincial Court of Appeal. His conviction could be upheld, overturned or a new trial could be ordered.

Wilson Nepoose is a Cree Indian from Hobbema, Alberta. He has been jailed at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary in Prince Albert for four years for a murder which he continues to claim he did not commit.

CONTROVERSY FOCUSES ON FISHING RIGHTS

by Riek Georg

A report in *The Vancouver Sun* has caused confusion about the federal government's position regarding the fishing rights of Aboriginal people in British Columbia.

An interview with Fisheries and Oceans Minister John Crosbie, published in the *Sun* last month reported that Crosbie said he is willing to let Natives sell fish caught with food fishing licenses.

In a letter to the editor published the next day, Crosbie called the story "dead wrong" and "out of context."

"The story and TV coverage got a lot of people worked up. Some people thought we would be allowed to sell our own fish," said Ken Malloway, a Native leader and co-chairman of the British Columbia Aboriginal Peoples' Fisheries Commission in a telephone interview.

"It was a very confusing story in the *Sun*," agreed Mike Hunter, president of the Fisheries Council of B.C., representing the interests of major fish processing companies.

The story claimed that Crosbie was considering letting B.C. Native food fishermen sell their catch as an interim measure while a province-wide fisheries agreement is reached between the federal and provincial governments, Native, commercial and sport fishermen.

"Obviously (sales) is something that has to be considered when you're considering an agreement with reference to resources," the *Sun* reported Crosbie as saying.

There is conflict between Native and commercial fishermen in B.C. over food fish sales. Native food fishing comprises about five percent of the annual salmon catch.

Last year the Supreme Court of Canada recognized with the *Sparrow* decision that Aboriginal people have the right to fish for ceremonial and social purposes. The decision did not include the right to sell fish.

"The right to sell our fish is a major stumbling block. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans says that if the commercial and sport fishermen are not hurt, it will be fine," Malloway said. "That's not giving us anything at all. We would have to convince them. We don't want to have to (ingratiate ourselves) to them. We want to do what we want to with our fish."

The distinction between food and commercial fishing is important to Mike Hunter.

"What is food fish? In our view, that of the harvesting group and the *Sparrow* decision, food fish is for food and ceremonial consumption," he said. "The idea of food fishing belies the very important fact that Natives sell one third of the fish harvest under commercial licenses."

The Native fishing harvest involves questions of conservation, economics and law.

Commercial fishermen maintain that it is important to regulate Native fishing to ensure adequate spawning stock. Native fishermen say that the fish they catch do not endanger stocks.

"There is a lot of tension. There have been threats of violence by a group called Direct Action, but they are not representative of all commercial fishermen," Malloway said. "The fear of commercial fishermen is that they will lose their livelihood."

Native fishermen continue to risk arrest over the sale of fish. Malloway, who is appealing a two-year suspended sentence for the illegal sale of fish says that he and other Native fishermen facing charges are prepared to fight their cause to the Supreme Court of Canada, where he says there is a better "chance that they will see our viewpoint."

Until then he "will keep selling fish. I believe that I have a right to. We are still determined to keep exercising what we feel is our Aboriginal right."



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MARITIME LEGISLATURES CONSIDER NATIVE SEATS by Ryan Edwards



Commissions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are beginning work on redrawing electoral boundaries to give Native groups a seat, but not necessarily a vote, in each legislature.

New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna is looking toward a system similar to that of the state of Maine in the United States. Under that system, legislators representing the two major Native groups in the state, the Passamaquoddy and the Penobscot, sit as non-voting members.

There are two major groups of Natives in New Brunswick—the Micmac and the Maliseet—but Southam News reports that it is not yet clear as to whether there will be one or two Native seats in the legislature. Spokespersons for the province's 9,000 Natives have stated that it would be preferable if the representative(s) could have voting rights.

The New Brunswick boundary changes will take about two years to bring into place, and will be in effect for the provincial election that will follow the one that is expected to be held later this year.

In Nova Scotia, Premier Don Cameron envisions a system in which one member of the legislature, who would have full voting rights, would be elected by the province's approximately 10,000 Micmacs. However, the Nova Scotia commission will also examine Maine's system, as well as the system used in New Zealand, in which certain seats are occupied by representatives of Aboriginal groups.

The commission has also been mandated to ensure that Nova Scotia's black and Acadian populations are properly represented in the provincial legislature. The commission will hold public hearings this fall, and has been asked by Premier Cameron to present recommendations to the legislature by spring, so that the new boundaries can come into effect for the next election, which must be held by 1993.

According to Southam News, Dan Paul, representative for the Confeder-

acy of Mainland Micmacs in Nova Scotia, is pleased with the government's proposal, but has stated that the commission must look closely at what Natives want and make "contact with the grassroots."

Paul looks to a system in which Natives on reserves would vote for one candidate, who would preferably be connected to a political party. Off-reserve Natives would have a choice between voting for the designated Micmac candidate, or a candidate who would represent the electoral constituency in which they live.

Paul also said that guaranteeing seats for Natives is only the first step in dismantling racial barriers in politics, and was quoted as saying that "What I would hope to see in Nova Scotia is that the political parties begin to recruit some credible Micmac candidates, and put them in non-Micmac areas."

"I think a good Native candidate could win an election outside of a reserve, given the party's support."

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U.N. Supports Separatism Concerns

by Angel Figueroa

Concerns regarding Quebec separatism and its implications on territorial claims have been loudly raised by Canadian Native groups at an international forum sponsored by the United Nations in Geneva.

To what the Canadian Press cited as "the merciless glare of international spotlight," Cree representatives revealed sensitive domestic issues related to Quebec separatism to prompt further U.N. criticism of Ottawa's violation of Native human rights.

The latest criticism comes in the form of a new report from two U.N. agencies which have attacked Quebec for disregarding the injurious social and ecological effects upon indigenous people from the James Bay hydro-electric project.

But the sharpest attacks were focused against the implications of Quebec nationalist sentiment on Native land claims and rights. Naturally, this is much to the great unease of many Canadian officials, anxious to avoid further antagonism from both Quebec separatists and the United Nations.

Every Indian group at the forum took great advantage of the opportunity given them by the annual session of the U.N. Working Group on Indigenous People to lambast Canadian Native policy toward land claims. Each group—Algonquin, Cree, Mohawk, Inuit, Micmac, Atikamec and Montagnais—independently charged the federal government of failing to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities toward Indians whose land claims within Quebec remain unresolved.

Canadian anxiety expresses itself in that the government is deliberately keeping quiet, hoping to not elevate the notion of Quebec sovereignty, says Chief Ted Moses, Cree ambassador of the Cree of Northern Quebec.

"Their argument has been 'Well, if we discuss it publicly, then that's an admission on the part of Canada that sovereignty will become an inevitable fact of the future.' So, they're deliberately trying to keep quiet," Moses charged.

"They wish to treat it as a domestic issue. I say this is not simply a domestic issue," he said. "It's an international issue."

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by Brian Savage

An attempt to ease the plight of alcoholics in Edmonton's inner city has drawn the wrath of the Assembly of First Nations.

In a press release Acting National Chief Bill Wilson condemned the Getty government for being "very far off the mark," in allowing a liquor store to open its doors at 8:00 a.m., rather than 10:00 a.m.

Wilson urged the Getty government to strive for legal and constitutional reform to help Natives end substance abuse through implementing changes in their living conditions.

It is believed that the government implemented the changes in the store's hours of operation in order to provide addicts an alternative to ingesting deadly cleaning fluids, mouth-washes and hairsprays by allowing them to purchase the less deadly alcohol.

"Unfortunately," says Wilson, "a large number of its customers are down-and-out Indian people with drinking problems."

The solution, Wilson urges, is to set up programs of rehabilitation for the alcoholic rather than cater to his or her problem and suggests that the revenues gained from the extra hours be put to such programs.

"That might help ease the individual problems of addicts and might dispel the fear that the Alberta Government is simply taking advantage of poor, suffering alcoholics."

Wilson feels that the problem of Natives and alcohol in the inner city core is the end result of a "system of mistreatment... carried out for generations."

Wilson condemns the Indian Act for its "callousness and state sponsored brutality" that has robbed Natives of their sense of self-worth. And added to the problems of Natives is an education system which has "denied the value of (the Native) heritage," and has failed to prepare Natives for a functioning role in today's society.

"The people who seek oblivion in substance abuse are just mirrors of how we have been driven toward oblivion as a people," warned Wilson.

INNER-CITY COMMITTEE COMBATS LYSOL ABUSE WITH CONTROVERSIAL MEASURES

by Angel Figueroa

Following a city council approval to open a 96th Street liquor store earlier—at 8 a.m.—another proposal might be in the making to lower the prices on sherry and wine to further deter alcoholics from using hazardous products like Lysol and Final-Net hair-spray.

Although he praises the good intentions of the committee, Fred Chalifoux of Poundmaker—Native AADAC—isn't certain that the tactic is the best solution. He agrees that it could help deter Lysol abuse, but feels that the move may in fact be damaging to Natives in the area who are alcoholics.

"When there is alcoholism involved, you're always craving for a drink—but it could be your last one. I hate the idea of opening a liquor store at that time, but I guess it is better than drinking Lysol."

Chalifoux, a counsellor for Native alcoholics at Poundmaker, has more to say about the decision to open the ALCB store early, however. He complains that Poundmaker wasn't consulted when an inner-city committee proposed the early-opening scheme, and feels that this is a good example of the common dilemma the Native community faces.

"Native opinion is too often ignored," he said. "Commonly, white people can't understand that Natives think differently and have a different outlook. This is where we—Poundmaker—can help."

But Rick Guthrie, a spokesman for the committee working to combat non-beverage alcohol abuse, says that it is unfortunate that Poundmaker wasn't consulted, and that he sincerely

welcomes a Poundmaker representative to sit at the table, as it is not a closed committee and anyone interested in the problem is encouraged to provide their opinion and input.

Guthrie, who also works at the Bissell Centre Drop-In, explains that the committee's proposal to open early is only one part of a four-part process. "Another part is education, where we hand out a sheet to alcohol abusers and those who may potentially become one. On the sheet is the message, 'If you are going to drink alcohol, drink what is meant to be drunk.' Also printed is a list of hair spray, mouthwash, and tonic products and their specific damage to the body, in sobering detail. Included at the bottom is the stern warning, *Drinking these items will kill you sooner than you think.*"

Neither Guthrie nor Chalifoux know of the exact number of Natives abusing these hazardous products, but both agree that it's substantial, and understand the peculiarity of the problem with Native alcoholics.

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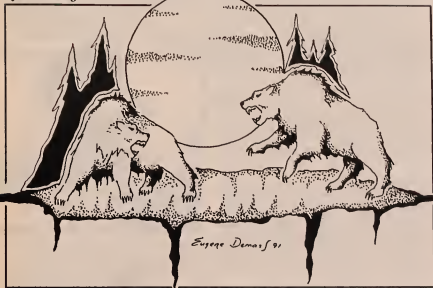
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CHIEF BIG BEAR COMMEMORATED

by Rick Georg



The Frog Lake First Nation held a celebration on July 23 to commemorate the discovery of the 19th century camp of the Cree Chief Big Bear.

"We were asking for guidance as well as having presentations and gift exchanges," said Derrick Quinney, band counsellor in charge of economic development.

The camp was discovered last year while brush was being cleared for a Husky Oil pipeline 300 kilometers northeast of Edmonton.

Big Bear was a chief of prudence and vision. He was very reluctant to sign Treaty 5 because he thought it would be destructive to his people. Big

Bear was involved with the events of the Frog Lake Massacre in which nine whites were killed.

"We want to use the camp to identify the history of that time and identify the causes of the massacre to Native people and non-Natives will understand," Quinney said. "So we at Frog Lake don't have to carry that burden."

The camp itself consists of graves, pits, the cabin that was the school of Charles Quinney, the first white teacher in the area, and a smoking hill of spiritual significance.

There is debate as to whether or not the

graves should be exhumed to see what historical knowledge would be revealed.

Artifacts discovered on the site include a musket with its barrel sawed off, flints, pottery, a jar, and the bones of a dog.

The smoking hill "was no great discovery," Quinney said. "Our elders knew it was there."

"The smoking hill is a ceremonial place where we go to ask the Creator for guidance. It's like a church," Quinney said. "We enacted that with our program. We asked the Creator to give us guidance and direction and to make us strong in what we are doing."

Approximately 100 people participated at the ceremony at Frog Lake, including Art Price, the president of Husky Oil, along with the architects and engineers that assisted in rerouting the pipeline to avoid disruption of the campaign.

Development of Big Bear's camp involves the co-operation of the band at Frog Lake, Husky Oil, Alberta Culture, and the Alberta Monument and Sites Board.

Plans for the site include historical study, and the development of an interpretive centre for the public.

"Further down the road we would like to build a camp with nature walks, horseback riding and cross country skiing. We would like to make a year-round site for tourist and local usage," Quinney said.

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PROFILE: Ken Noskey

by Carol Balanko-Dickson

Ken Noskey hunts moose and eats bannock in his spare time at home on the settlement of Peavine, 32 miles north of High Prairie. As the newly elected president of The Metis

Settlements General Council, Ken says he was elected to the three-year position because he's honest, up-front and God fearing.

"My mother was a Christian so I was brought up in a Christian home. I don't smoke or drink," says Ken.

"People believed in what I could do for them... and I plan to do the best while I'm here and to get people to work as a team. In the short time we have, we have a lot of planning ahead of us."

There is no official three-year mandate for the council until a planning meeting is held in Grande Prairie on the 13, 14 and 15 of August.

Before he became president, the 34-year-old

was chairperson for two years for the Peavine settlement, made up of 470 residents; and before that, he was councillor for three years. During that time, he helped sign the Metis Settlement Accord that will help create better housing and develop employment.

As present, he is overseer of the eight settlement councils and organizations throughout Alberta.

Before he became involved with the council, he was a logging contractor and fisherman. He still owns a grain and cow-calf operation. Married with three children, he admits, "I'm a simple, down to earth kind of guy."

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CHIEF FRANK HALCROW

by Carol Balanko-Dickson

Chief Frank Halcrow has been chief of the Grand Council of the Treaty 8 First Nations since its inception 2 years ago.

He has been a hereditary chief of the Grouard Band for 21 years. Chief Halcrow conducts his business in Edmonton two days a week. Otherwise, he usually spends 75 percent of his time with his band.

He's seen a lot of changes in two decades. "We're not in the same position as twenty years ago and I've enjoyed seeing these changes take place," says Halcrow. Many Indian communities have modern commodities—running water, sewer systems—as downtown Edmonton. New chiefs are educated. Indian people are starting to mark out their own destiny and preserve them for the future of their children. They're getting involved in issues that are important to them.

Mandates for the Council for this year include Treaty Review, Social and Child Welfare.

Born in High Prairie Hospital in 1943, he was raised in Grouard, Alberta and still lives there with 1800 other inhabitants. He has four sons and two daughters.

In general, the Council develops, promotes and enhances issues that are important to chiefs (chiefs of the Treaty 8 include B.C., NWT, two bands of Northwest Saskatchewan and Alberta) and provides a unified, collective organization that secures, organizes and preserves the spirit of Treaty 8 of 1898.

The Council acts as a watchdog, making sure

they keep up to their end of the treaty and seeing that infringements aren't made on it.

Chiefs monitor and evaluate the actions of the government, agencies and corporations which affect the concerns of Council members.

Chief Halcrow founded and helped develop the Lesser Slave Lake Council. In 1979, he sat on the Indian Health Care Commission and helped develop it.

When he has a free moment—which isn't very often—he enjoys boating or hunting moose on the north shore of Lesser Slave Lake. "I love the isolation and being able to relax," he says.

In the future, he feels Indian people will make their own destiny or become co-managers with the government on issues of importance to them, instead of the government looking after everything.



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GIT'KSAN CLOSE OTTAWA OFFICE

by Brian Savage

Ralph Michell, a speaker for the Git'ksan Tribal Council, has confirmed that after recent "discussions" between the Council and Neil Sterritt, the band has decided to close its Ottawa office.

Sterritt, who has helped develop the Chiefs Governance Committee which is part of a number of Native groups looking at how to reform or overhaul certain sections of the *Indian Act*, will "probably be working full time for the Governance Committee," said Michell, who added that he "officially" did not "see" any more ties between Sterritt and the B.C. band.

Michell denied any allegations that the move to close the office was a reflection of dissension

between the hand council and Sterritt's activities on the Governance Committee.

"We're concerned about our own activities right here," said Michell, who added, "Our need for the Ottawa office wasn't consistent," noting that it would sometimes be used only once a week.

Asked about Sterritt's standing with the band, Michell replied, "Some say he (Sterritt) is an hereditary chief, some say he isn't."

The actions of the Git'ksan were taken after the appearance of a letter that alleges collusion between Sterritt and Harry Swain, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs.

Swain was quoted in *The Ottawa Citizen* as saying Sterritt had been "ambushed" by a forgery and that the fake letter "is part of the campaign to discredit Neil Sterritt."

When contacted in Ottawa, Sterritt commented by saying he faces "an ongoing problem of fact" made worse by the article in *The Ottawa Citizen* which Sterritt branded as being erroneous.

Sterritt calls many of the statements in the story "misleading and wrong."

Chief Herb George of the Git'ksan is quoted in the article as saying, in reference to Sterritt's work with the governance group, "it was getting out of hand and we didn't want to get caught up in this matter."

Sterritt says the remarks were "stated wrongly and taken out of context." According to Sterritt, George "has denied to me that he said anything of the kind."

A claim that the governance group had received over \$2 million in funds was dismissed by Sterritt, who says the funding agreement with

the federal government reveals the figure to be \$180,000 for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

Sterritt calls the letter in question a forgery and "a clumsy attempt to discredit me." He also notes that the O.P.P. and R.C.M.P. are now investigating the authenticity of the letter and the letter, says Sterritt, "as a false document... discloses nothing truthful about my relationship with Mr. Swain."

And finally, on questions regarding his standing in the Git'ksan Band, Sterritt declares, "I am Git'ksan and a member of the Kispiox Fireweed House of Gitludahl. I am a "Simoiget" (Chief) in this House."



STERRITT DEFENDS

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As far as being a threat to Ovide Mercredi's leadership, Sterritt is adamant: "No way. I withdrew from the leadership race and supported him and one reason I did it is that I thought he would stand by the Toronto resolution."

Sterritt says he is "mystified" by Mercredi's

apparent turnaround, and allegations that he is a lackey of the government anger him.

"I have taken on some of the biggest cases in Canada, I launched the largest comprehensive land claims court case in North American history and that took on the entire power system. I'm not a stranger to taking on the system; to suggest that I am a puppet of the minister is an insult. There is not a chance in the world I'm a puppet to any man, nor are these chiefs."

Sterritt concluded by saying that the APN leader's remarks were "unfortunate and unfair."

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"Mr. LaForme is certainly no stranger to specific claims policy and process issues," stated Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon, explaining that LaForme had "contributed significantly" to the specific claims initiative which he will now head.

LaForme is a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit Indian Band of southern Ontario. A graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, he was called to the Ontario Bar in 1979. His law experience includes special emphasis on Indian treaty rights, Charter issues and constitutional division of powers.

LaForme worked as a policy advisor with the Indian Commission of Ontario during Justice C.P. Hart's term as the first Commissioner of I.C.O. He himself was appointed Indian Commissioner of Ontario in 1989.

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ISLAND LAKE LAND CLAIM SETTLED

The Island Lake (Ministikwan) Indian Band, Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan recently signed an agreement resolving a land claim which dates back to 1914.

In a referendum held by the Band on May 14, 1991, a majority of the membership voted in favour of the proposed agreement and authorized its chief and councillors to enter into the Settlement Agreement.

"As Chief of the Island Lake Band, I affirm that the return of the alienated lands will signify a new dawn for the Island Lake people," Chief Harvey Chief said. "We must use this opportunity to our benefit so that a hundred years into the future our people will warmly remember this day."

He added, "Let the spirit of co-operation shown among the federal government, the province of Saskatchewan, third parties and the Island Lake Band, enabling this settlement to occur, be a sign of the continuing understanding and co-operation that will exist among our peoples."

"A 77-year-old mistake is finally being put right," said Harry Swain, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. "I congratulate the Band, whose patience, good will and negotiating skills have brought all parties to this honourable conclusion."

"As Deputy Premier of the Government of Saskatchewan and as the M.L.A. for this area, I congratulate the Island Lake Band on the successful resolution of this claim," said George McLeod, Deputy Premier. "The Band's determination and co-operative approach have produced very positive results. This settlement provides a model of effective negotiations satisfying the interests of all parties."

The Island Lake Band and Canada are parties to Treaty No. 6, signed in 1876. In 1910, the Island Lake Band Reserve No. 161 was surveyed for the use and benefit of the Band. In 1914, a

second survey was undertaken which purportedly reduced the size of the reserve by approximately 10,560 acres. Two years later an Order-in-Council was enacted, to authorize this reduction. Under Treaty No. 6 and the provisions of the Indian Act 1906, the consent of the Band was required for a reserve reduction of this nature. The Band's consent was never obtained by Canada. Control of these lands was assumed by the province of Saskatchewan under the provisions of the Natural Resources Transfer Agreement, 1930.

In 1979, the Band submitted its specific

claim to DIAND for review. In the ensuing years, a satisfactory claim settlement was negotiated by the Band, Saskatchewan and Canada.

The Settlement Agreement provides for the reconfirmation of approximately 10,560 acres of land to reserve status, including surface and subsurface rights; and compensation to be paid to the Band for its expenses to purchase all third party interests that are currently held in the land. These interests have been negotiated by the Band to the satisfaction of both Canada and Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan will accept surrenders of the third party interests in the lands from individuals granted leasehold and permit interests in and to the lands.

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Washagamis Bay First Nation Chief Alfred Sinclair has signed an Alternative Funding Arrangement (AFA) agreement with Ottawa. "Under this new agreement," Chief Sinclair said, "AFA will help us plan our future and allow us to determine our priorities in the years ahead."

The five-year agreement is designed to alleviate the amount of external reporting and consultation required by the Chief and Council under existing systems. Under Alternative Funding Arrangements, the concept is that primary accountability is to community members, rather than to the government.

Last year, 31 AFA agreements were signed in Ontario alone. A further 20 agreements are expected to be signed in the Ontario region in the 1991/92 fiscal year. While they are not a substitute for self-government, AFA agreements increase the amount of local control a community has over its financial resources and programs. They are considered to be a step in the process of moving toward self-government.

The Washagamis Bay First Nation is the eighth First Nation in the Western District of Ontario to sign an agreement for Alternative Funding, and the first in the Kenora area.



INNER-CITY COMMITTEE

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Guthrie adds that he's also aware of the controversy in opening a liquor store early and selling cheap booze, but points out that it is not the immediate aim of the committee to get alcoholics off the bottle.

"We are very concerned that the public thinks we are advocating people to drink. We're not. We're saying these people drink anyway, so let's get the message clearly to them that this stuff they drink will kill them faster than they think. Changing the alcohol habits of hardened Lysol

drinkers is really something we may not be able to do."

For now, the committee will wait out the three month period that the liquor store will be open. It hopes the experiment will show that alcoholics who previously hought Lysol and hair spray early in the morning are switching to alcohol intended for consumption. As the workers at the Bissell Centre Drop-In know who the Lysol abusers are, they can be monitored on an unscientific basis, and Guthrie feels that "this should be a fairly good indication to us if there has been any change."

In the meantime, the committee will also consider their proposal to make some of the available sherry and wine cheaper. The rationale follows that most inner-city alcoholics have little money, and can get a "cheaper high" with a \$5 Lysol can than with beverage alcohols, so only cheaper liquor can act as an effective deterrent.

The drawback to this option, agrees Guthrie, is that cheaper prices could also allow alcoholics to buy more and then drink more, which is not what the committee wants. Jim Spinelli, a co-worker of Guthrie's at the Bissell Centre, told *The Edmonton Journal* that as a result of the controversy, the motion won't be tabled just yet.

"We want to see the effects of this move (opening early) before we recommend anything else," said Spinelli. "It wasn't difficult to get the A.L.C.B. to open earlier. But to drop the price on a product gets a little more dicey, more difficult."

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A HISTORICAL REVIEW OF THE LUBICON STRUGGLE: Part II

by Dale Stelter



Synopsis of Part I: the Lubicon Indians of northern Alberta have not signed a treaty with the federal government, and thus maintain that they have never given up Aboriginal rights to their traditional lands. Until the early 1970s, the Lubicon remained living basically as they had for generations, with little contact with the outside world, and gaining their livelihoods through hunting, fishing, and trapping.

Then, as the Lubicon saw their traditional lands invaded by oil companies, their traditional way of life and social structures also came under attack. Social and medical problems of all kinds, most of which the Lubicon had had little or no previous experience with, proliferated.

At each stage of their ordeal, the Lubicon received little sympathy from either of the provincial or federal governments. On the contrary, it became apparent that the Canadian government, the so-called guardian of Aboriginal rights, was aligning itself opposite to the Lubicon.

Further, the Lubicon made no progress in their court battles to obtain recognition of their Aboriginal rights to the land. For example, in 1983, the Lubicon submitted to the courts the sworn statements of Elders and a number of relevant non-Native experts, assessing the effects of oil development activity upon the band's traditional way of life.

On the other hand, lawyers for the Alberta government and the oil companies submitted no affidavits on traditional life. A provincial court judge, who was a former lawyer for an oil company, dismissed the Lubicon's case, saying that no traditional way of life had been shown.

The Lubicon took this decision to the Alberta Court of Appeal. However, the appeal panel upheld the original ruling, saying that the

Lubicon would be able to restore the wilderness with money paid in damages if they were ever able to prove that they retained continuing Aboriginal title in the area.

The Lubicon then went to the Supreme Court of Canada, which, without explanation, declined to hear the Lubicon appeal. One of the judges on the Supreme Court of Canada panel later left the bench and was appointed to the board of directors of a large petro-chemical conglomerate with significant interests in the Lubicon's traditional territory.

The years stretched on until, in October of 1988, the Lubicon abandoned their legal battles and erected blockades to their traditional lands. Armed R.C.M.P. officers, equipped with chainsaws and accompanied by helicopters and dogs, moved in and dismantled the barricades. However, the Lubicon's actions prompted the Alberta and Canadian governments into reopening negotiations. Needless to say, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was also well aware of the federal election to be held that November, and of the need to appear to be taking action on Aboriginal issues.

However, in January of 1989, a scant two months after the election, negotiations between the federal government and the Lubicon came to an abrupt halt when the government tabled a surprise "take-it-or-leave-it" \$45 million offer. The band declined the offer, as it was full of convoluted and open-ended conditions, and provided the Lubicon with little more than a 250 square kilometre reserve, and such basic requirements as roads, a school, and houses with running water and sewers.

As one example, the Lubicon wanted to construct a community health center. The federal government allocated \$350,000 in its offer for the health center, but said that the Lubicon would have to consult with Health and Welfare Canada. The catch lay in that if H&W had funding available in that fiscal year, the health center could be built. If the funding wasn't

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available, there would be no health center for the Lubicon, although the now-unusable \$350,000 would remain as a part of the total offer.

As Lubicon band advisor Fred Lennarson stated, the federal offer, "provides the Lubicon people with absolutely no capability to become once again socially and economically self-sufficient." And, as Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominyak said, acceptance of the federal government's offer would ensure that the Lubicon people "remain forever dependent upon welfare to support ourselves, and upon outsiders to manage and provide for us. We will never voluntarily accept such a humiliating and degrading future."

Another important issue in settlement negotiations involved compensation to the Lubicon for oil and gas revenues taken from lands to which the band holds Aboriginal title, and for benefits the Lubicon have not received since they were first promised a reserve. Both of these issues are common categories in compensation negotiations between Natives and the federal government.

In response, the federal government said that if the Lubicon accepted the "take-it-or-leave-it" offer, they could go to court to sue for compensation. Needless to say, the Lubicon had little faith left in the Canadian legal system, not to mention the fact that the previous years of wrangling in the courts had severely drained their financial resources. Moreover, the federal offer contained clauses requiring the Lubicon to surrender and release all of their Aboriginal land rights, and to cede all possible basis for any such legal action.

Negotiations between the Lubicon and the

Canadian government then broke off, and have never resumed due to the government's refusal to budge from its position. However, oil development on the Lubicon's traditional lands has continued, and it is now estimated that approximately \$6 billion in oil and gas revenues have been extracted from Lubicon land. Not one cent has gone to the band.

In the months following the breakdown of negotiations with the federal government, talks between the Lubicon and the Alberta government were initiated a number of times. Those efforts also proved fruitless, and the last round of such talks broke off in June of 1990.

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August 12 - 18

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August 16 - 18

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Medicine Wheels of stone once spread across North America, constructed by the original Native inhabitants. These wheels were the ceremonial centres for the Native people, a place where their sacred teachers would share their teachings and conduct ceremonies. Such ceremonial circles are found in Native ways of people all over the earth—from the standing stone circles of Stonehenge in England to the Mandala circles of India, and the heiau of Hawaii.

Sun Bear had a vision several years ago that told him NOW is the time for Medicine Wheels to return to the land, as places of healing, sharing and teaching for Native and non-Native alike. A Medicine Wheel is a large circle built with stones. It is symbolic of the universe. It is a teaching tool, an altar, a place where Medicine people share their teachings, a central gathering place and a place where ceremonies are conducted. It is also a place for dancing and singing. It is a common symbol to many tribes.

Sun Bear and the other sacred teachers are interested in going beyond the concepts of holistic healing by introducing a framework for holistic living. The traditional people of this land, and all other lands, knew that no one could be truly healthy if their environment upon the earth was unhealthy. They recognized their connection to the circle of life—the elements, the plants, the animals and the spirit keepers—and knew that this circle had to be whole in order for people to have good lives, healthy lives.



The following teachers will be guiding the gathering:

- Sun Bear, a sacred teacher, the founder and Medicine Chief of the Bear Tribe Medicine Society, a person whose life forms a bridge between the Native and non-Native cultures, a noted lecturer and author. He teaches people that we are all a part of the circle of life, and connected with everything else in the universe.
- Brant Secunda, a shaman, healer and ceremonial leader in the Huichol tradition of Mexico. Brant is the Director of the Dance of the Deer Foundation: Center of Shamanic Studies in California, and leads seminars and pilgrimages worldwide.
- Vince Stogan, a spiritual healer of the Coast Salish Nation, Musqueam Band, Vancouver, Canada. He is of the fifth generation of his family to carry on the medicine of the smokehouse tradition of initiation and spiritual dance.

Other guides include Charles Lawrence, Susan O'Shea, Connor Saver and Edna Stogan.

The teachers will share not only some of the attitudes and methods of healing used by Native people but also what they mean by holistic life and by the term Medicine. Couched inside this magical world-view is one of the most sophisticated, knowledgeable, holistic cosmologies ever to be on the earth.

There will be many workshops given on subjects ranging from healing to finding your own song. There will also be drumming, dance, and time for quiet reflection and spiritual growth.

The 1991 Canadian Medicine Wheel Gathering is more than a symposium of great teachers—it is an event that brings together hundreds of people from many different walks of life to share, nurture, dance, laugh and love for two and a half wonderful days.

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WOMEN AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SASKATOON

The second Women and Wellness Conference on health of Native women is being held on October 6, 7 and 8, 1991 at the Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The goal of the conference is to assist women in recognizing their ability to empower themselves through mind, body and spirit.

The first conference was held last year and it brought together over 400 women from four provinces and three states. The success of that event has prompted conference organizers to invite delegates from across North America for what is sure to become an annual gathering.

Conference spokesperson Jean Bellegarde states that "All indications are that the healing has been strengthened and continues to be strengthened. Women are becoming more 'empowered' and are being called upon to take up their leadership role in the communities. More and more, women are being called upon to heal ourselves so that we can be rightfully recognized in the eyes of others. It is the women who are looked up to in the communities for the healing and pulling together of dysfunctional situations."

The conference objectives are...

- to provide the opportunity for women to come together in the spirit of sharing, unity and support;
- to provide a safe place for sharing and discussion of crisis situations in family units;
- to explain ways and means for the healing to begin and lead to the healing of the mind, body and spirit;
- to reinforce the knowledge that abuse in any form is not acceptable in the traditional ways of old.

Bellegarde explains that the three-day session will provide the delegates with "strategies that they can take home to begin healing the mental, spiritual and physical wellness... Our

speakers are focussing on issues that affect all women."

Topics include the Traditional Role of Women, Circle of Healing, Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Family Violence, Adult Children of Alcoholics, and AIDS. Speakers include:

Billy Rogers, MPR Indian Health Promotion Division, University of Oklahoma. "The Healing Has Started."

Betty Spence, Elder. SIFC - Regina, Saskatchewan. "The Traditional Role of Women."

Karen Collins, President of National Aboriginal Friendship Centres, Bonnyville, Alberta. "The Role of Wife and Mother in Functional Family Units."

Cecilia Firethunder, Educator, Marten, South Dakota, Circle of healing expertise. "How Will I Get There?"

Shirley Turcotte, Adult survivor of sexual abuse, Vancouver, B.C. "To a Safer Place."

Vern Saulteaux, Survivor of family violence, Thompson, Manitoba. "Confronting Family Violence."

Lucy Pelletier, Concerned Native Women regarding drinking and pregnancy. "Booze Can Do It!"

Anna Latimer, Psychotherapist, Adult child of alcoholic parents, Seattle, Washington. "When I Was a Child..."

Kecia Larkin, HIV+, Victoria, B.C.

Randy Lewis, AIDS Consultant, Seattle, Washington. "The Family and AIDS."

Other conference highlights include a theatre dramatization of Native women's social issues and a banquet featuring Native comedian, George Tuccare.

On behalf of the organizing committee Bellegarde extends an invitation to all interested individuals across North America to attend the second annual Women and Wellness Conference. "The success of the gathering," she says, "depends on you. I view this as an excellent opportunity for women to come together and experience such a healing force. It is only through the strength of women in our communities that our dignity and culture can be healed. I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE."



Native Language Conference to be Held in B.C.

by Nick Michaels

Prince George, British Columbia is the site of an exciting and innovative conference, September 22-25, which will focus on the education and preservation of First Nations languages.

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• **Ms. Patricia Locke**, a private consultant on Indian Education, with emphasis on language and culture;

• **Mr. Terry Klokeid**, an associate Professor of Linguistics affiliated with Saskatchewan Indian Federated College, and

• **Mr. Timoti Karetu**, a professor from the Waikato University specializing in Maori language and culture.

There will be a number of plenary sessions with topics such as University Development for Aboriginal Languages, Linguistic Training for First Nations and Aboriginal Language Policy. The keynote address will be delivered by Ethel Blondin, MP for the Western Arctic.

The conference is being held at the Holiday Inn, Prince George, B.C. from September 22-25. Registration fee is \$195. (Cdn.) with no charge for Elders or students.

For additional information contact Linden Pinay, Executive Director of the Yinka Dene Language Institute at R.R.#2 Hospital Road, Vanderhoof, B.C. V0J 3A0 or phone (604) 567-9236.

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8:15-9:15 Pipe Ceremony
9:15-9:30 Wellness (TBA)
9:30-10:30 The Healing Has Started
10:30-11:00 Coffee
11:00-12:00 Traditional Role of Women: Healing the Spirit
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:30 The Role of Wife & Mother in Functional Family Units
2:30-3:00 Coffee
3:00-4:00 How Well I Get There? (Circle of Healing)
4:00 Closing Prayer
7:30 Theatre Presentation (TBA)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1991
9:00-9:15 Opening Prayer
9:15-10:15 To A Safer Place
Healing the Mind (Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse)
10:15-10:45 Coffee

10:45-12:00 Confronting Family Violence
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:30 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
2:30-3:00 Coffee
3:00-4:00 Booze Can Do It
Healing the Body
4:00 Closing Prayer
6:00 Banquet
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1991
9:00-9:15 Opening Prayer
9:15-10:15 When I Was a Child (Adult Children of Alcoholic Parents)
10:15-10:45 Coffee
10:45-12:00 Panel Discussion
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:30 Women and AIDS
2:30-3:00 Coffee
3:00-4:00 The Family and AIDS
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A unique urban health centre, Anishnawbe Health Toronto provides culturally sensitive health care for Native people. Its services include: medical clinics at the centre and at various Native organizations in the city; traditional healing circles for women and for mixed groups; family support counselling; referrals to other organizations such as treatment centres and hostels; a health promotion program that includes video production; and a street patrol that provides food and blankets and medical care for street people.

Anishnawbe Health Toronto began with the vision of the late Joe Sylvester, an Ojibway Elder from Christian Island. A highly spiritual man, Joe knew well the difficulties Native people faced in getting the health care that was desperately needed. He understood the importance of developing a health care program in the city that would be sensitive to the culture and traditions of Native people and respectful of the knowledge of healing that has been an integral part of those traditions for countless years.

Joe's dream of a Native health centre in the city began ten years ago as the Native Diabetes project, an information centre that focused on the problems of diabetes in the Native community. With the dedication and hard work of countless people, the organization grew and developed into Anishnawbe Health Resources and then into Anishnawbe Health Toronto. Today, more than 20 people are employed to provide health care for the estimated fifty to sixty thousand Native people in the city.

Following Joe Sylvester's vision for the health centre, the programs and services at AHT are based on traditional concepts of balance and healing. It is recognized that the healing process is more than just treating physical ailments or a particular emotional difficulty. All the clients of AHT are cared for holistically, with attention given to their mental, emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

A fundamental philosophy at AHT is that the needs of the community determine the direction of the organization and the kinds of services provided. For this reason, AHT is governed by a board of directors elected from within the Toronto Native community.

AHT is still growing and developing its services and programs. Such a project always needs refining, always needs to adapt to the changing needs of the community. This can only be accomplished by continuing to encourage the involvement of the community.

Anishnawbe Health Toronto has relocated its centre to 225 Queen Street East, near Sherbourne Street. Formerly a bank, the building has been renovated to suit the needs of a health centre and to express the goals and purpose of Anishnawbe Health.

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Kecia: Words to Live By is a video documentary which follows a young, HIV-infected Aboriginal woman as she shares her story with Native youth.

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Health and Welfare Canada provided \$67,000 to the joint production by the National Association of Friendship Centres and Gryphon Productions. Kecia's hope is to open a dialogue on AIDS among Native youth, and to make an awareness of the risk of HIV-infection a factor in their life decisions. The film incorporates information on AIDS prevention, but its primary objective is to help Native communities realize the threat to the health of their people.

Kecia: Words to Live By will be distributed to First Nations communities by the Medical

Services Branch of Health and Welfare Canada, and by the National Association of Friendship Centres.

"Kecia" follows the recent release of the

award-winning video **A Chance for Change**, funded jointly by Health and Welfare Canada and the British Columbia Ministry of Health.

A Chance for Change is a Gryphon Productions project for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Health Board dealing with AIDS prevention for Native communities.

A Salute to the Native Disabled: Oliver Cardinal

by Susan Williams

Oliver Cardinal is actively involved with the Canadian Paraplegic Association. He serves as a Native rehabilitation counsellor and counsels Native who are paraplegic and have spinal cord injuries, to help them come to terms with their disabilities emotionally, and to discover options for the future. His work takes him all over Alberta to towns and reserves. In Edmonton, he counsels at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Centre.

Cardinal sits on a committee of Native people for the Premier's Council for People with Disabilities. He hopes to use this council to prompt the Federal Government to define and take more responsibility in providing various services and economic development for Native people with disabilities.

Cardinal says that many Native people with disabilities don't know what they're eligible for,

or who to approach for supplies. He travels to the reserves to help Natives discover the information they need.

"We're all working together to try and improve communications," Cardinal says.

He is also an artist. When all of his work with the CPA is not keeping him on the go, Cardinal spends his time painting. In fact, some of his work will be displayed on a calendar which will be sold to raise funds for the Canadian Paraplegic Association. The calendars can be purchased at the CPA offices, Suite 1120, 5555 Calgary Trail, Edmonton.

"Sometimes it's hard to think positively, when you're in a wheelchair," Cardinal admits, "but if you ask for help, it's there."

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U.S. COMMISSION RELEASES REPORT ON TWIN EPIDEMICS

U.S. drug policies have failed to address the inextricable link between drugs and HIV disease, and also have failed to design programs to confront these "twin epidemics" aggressively and simultaneously.

Alarmed that one third of all recent AIDS cases are now related to intravenous drug use, the American National Commission on AIDS' report to Congress and the White House makes five major recommendations:

- "Remove legal barriers to the purchase and possession of injection equipment." The Commission reported that such restrictions increase the sharing of injection equipment, but do not reduce illicit drug use.

- "Expand drug abuse treatment so that all who apply for treatment can be accepted into treatment programs." While treatment on demand was also a major recommendation of President Reagan's AIDS Commission, the Commission has found that the federal response in the three years since then has emphasized creation of more prison beds rather than treatment slots. Meanwhile the number of people on waiting lists for drug treatment continues to grow.



- "The federal government must take the lead in developing and maintaining programs to prevent HIV transmission related to licit and illicit drug use." Many drug treatment programs fail to adequately address HIV, and many HIV treatment programs do not deal successfully with substance abuse. However, no single agency or group has taken charge of integrating a response to these critical national health issues.

- "Research and epidemiologic studies on the relationships between licit and illicit drug use and HIV transmission should be greatly expanded." The Commission is particularly concerned with the future of investigator initiated and demonstration grants, basic and applied research, and the expanded enrollment of those with substance use problems in clinical trials.

- "All levels of government and the private sector need to mount a serious and sustained attack on the social problems that promote licit and illicit drug use in American society." The Commission believes that efforts against substance use and HIV will be less effective if the nation fails to address larger problems of poverty and social neglect, including homelessness and lack of medical care.

June E. Osborn, M.D., Chairman of the American National Commission on AIDS, said, "Federal plans for dealing with the drug/AIDS interface continue to be woefully insufficient."

"The epidemic of illicit drug use is a serious public health problem in its own right, and failure to offer treatment for their addiction to all drug users who seek it means that thousands of people remain at risk for HIV," she added. Dr. Osborn is also Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

Don C. Des Jarlais, Ph.D., a member of the Commission, said, "The present laws restricting sterile injection equipment do not prevent drug abuse but do increase HIV transmission."

"These laws are obsolete and dangerous to the public health," he added.

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DUNCAN BAND OPENS NEW MEDICAL FACILITY

by James Martin

A new 2200 sq.ft. medical facility for the Duncan Band will be opened next month, saving band members from travelling into Grimshaw. The former medical facility was in a modular trailer and had been outgrown by the 100-member band.

The medical facility is comprehensive, offering an optometrist, a dentist and a drug and alcohol prevention centre as well.

"It's really impressive," band councillor Tony Testawich told *Alberta Native News*. "It's one of the more modern facilities in the area."

The medical facility is only one element of a

major facility the reserve is undergoing, with the building of a recreation centre and the installation of sewer and water lines contributing to a positive and growing feeling of community among the people.

"A new chief and council changed the band around," declares Testawich. "Before, the Elders were in and did nothing, they went with the flow. We changed things and started making things a reality."

Testawich claims a lot of support from the band for the council's efforts, noting their re-election for a second term "with no problems" and feels it's

the motivation that the band leaders have shown that has helped them with their success.

Chief Don Testawich notes that the band "kept on pushing" the Medical Services Branch of Indian Affairs for help in replacing the old 12 ft. by 30 ft. trailer that had been the band's medical centre; for their efforts, the Duncan band finally received \$268,000 from the government and proudly observes that the Duncan Band Enterprises helped design and build the facility.

With the completion of the sewer and water lines, the dream of a comprehensive recreational centre will be realized next year.

Last year, a new administration building and natural gas were established on the reserve.

Along with the dynamic expansion of the services for the band, Chief Testawich also mentions the land claim the band is involved with, hoping that by December their land claim will be validated by the government. At issue is the surrendering in 1928 of nine different reserves. "Some of the people weren't even band members," says the chief, which accounts for the band's claims that the transactions were illegal.

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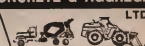
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PAST, PRESENT, AND PERSONAL INJUSTICES

Occupied Canada:

A Young White Man Discovers His Unsuspected Past

By Robert Hunter and Robert Calihoo
McClelland and Stewart; 271 pages.

Review by Ryan Edwards

Occupied Canada hits the reader with a double whammy concerning the treatment of Natives in Canada. The first and last segments of the book are devoted to the present, often revolving around the experiences of co-author Robert Calihoo. The central segment focusses upon the historical nightmare that Natives have faced.

For a significant portion of his childhood, Robert Calihoo lived under the name of Robert Royer. As he had the appearance of a white child, he assumed he was white, and nobody told him anything different. In fact, his world was that of middle-class suburbia in Edmonton, where he lived with his grandmother.

When Robert was ten years old, his grandmother died. As he was unable to live with his mother and her second husband, he went through a number of foster homes and schools, getting into an increasing amount of trouble. Finally, he decided to find his real father, knowing only that the man's name was Albert Calihoo.

When he met his father, Robert suddenly discovered his Native roots. He went to live with his father on the now-dissolved Michel Calihoo Reserve, northwest of Edmonton. Although he was shocked by the poverty on the reserve, Robert began to develop deep ties to the land. Everything was cut short when the band voted for enfranchisement, in which the reserve was dissolved, and the Calihos were paid off by the government and were no longer classified as status Indians.

Robert went back to Edmonton, hung around the streets, and eventually ended up in the Drummheller penitentiary for seven years. He became involved with a Native Brotherhood, which led him to the prison library, conducting research.

In this way, he eventually discovered that the Calihos were actually descendants of an Iroquois family from Quebec, the Karhiios, who had migrated west in the early 1800s, when the European immigrants obtained a firm stranglehold on the land and Aboriginal people of eastern Canada. The Karhiios settled in an unoccupied area in western Alberta and flourished, at least until the white man caught up with them again.

After documenting the migration of the Karhiios, Robert Hunter and Robert Calihoo launch into the history of the usurping and stealing of lands by the white man, the concurrent ecological disasters, and the many incredible injustices that have been perpetrated upon Native people. This, of course, is a radically different version of Canadian history than what has been portrayed in mainstream history texts, including school textbooks.

There is a great deal of compelling and well-documented information in this section of *Occupied Canada*, information which will shake the foundations of many long-held and cherished beliefs—and illusions—that are still very prevalent in the dominant society.

Although the book includes a selected bibliography, and the text contains numerous references to research sources, this historical section could actually have benefited from even more such references. For example, in some incidents involving people who were hitherto unknown or obscure, the source material is not given. Such cases, however, are by far the exception.

In the final section of the book, we meet up with Robert Calihoo—a.k.a. Robert Royer—again. After getting out of prison, he obtained his Bachelor of Social Work in 1976, and eventually went to work for the Department of Indian Affairs, in charge of Native employment, but with the aim of dismantling an unresponsive system from within.

OCCUPIED CANADA

BY ROBERT HUNTER & ROBERT CALIHOO



A YOUNG WHITE MAN DISCOVERS
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Although Royer was able to effect some changes, he found himself stonewalled and stymied at literally every turn. He did, however, find out that the enfranchisement and dissolution of the Michel Calihoo Band had been wrongfully carried out. He eventually left the Department of Indian Affairs, and until recently, worked as a manager for the Nimpkish Band Council at Alost Bay, in British Columbia. At present, he is devoting his time and effort to having his former band and reserve reconstituted.

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At a time when many Canadians believe that the aspirations of Canada's Native peoples must be addressed, the National Film Board of Canada, working in close collaboration with Native filmmakers, will establish a national Aboriginal Studio. The program, announced at the Banff Television Festival by Joan Pennefather, Government Film Commissioner and Chairperson of the NFB, and Barbara Emo, Director-General of the English Program Branch, will provide Canada's Aboriginal peoples with a unique opportunity to tell their stories and document their own lives on film.

This studio will be headed by an Aboriginal producer and operated from the Edmonton-based NFB North West Centre, itself a producer of award-winning films on Native issues. The studio will provide development, training and production opportunities for Native filmmakers. The move comes after initiatives from the Native filmmaking community, and following consultation with Native organizations and delegates to the first Aboriginal Film and Video Makers Symposium held in April in Edmonton.

"The films of such acclaimed Native filmmakers as Gil Cardinal (*Foster Child*, *The Spirit Within*) and Alanis Obomsawin (*Incident at Restigouche*, *Richard Cardinal... A Cry from the Diary of a Metis Child*) have struck a chord with Native and non-Native audiences alike," said Pennefather. "The NFB is committed to playing a leading role in developing the skills of Native filmmakers across Canada and to making their creative works available to Canadians."

"The National Film Board has produced an impressive body of work on Native issues and concerns over the past 50 years; however, the vast majority of these productions were conceived and executed by non-Native filmmakers," said Barbara Emo. "It is long past due that Aboriginal filmmakers be given the opportunity to tell their own stories from their own points of view."

Drawing from the Indian, Metis and Inuit independent filmmaking communities, the Aboriginal Studio will be developed in three phases over a period of two years beginning in the fall of 1991, to allow for the co-ordinated growth of this new program, and to confirm the financial and creative collaboration of private and public sector organizations.

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Phase 1: Apprenticeship/Training

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Established Native producers and directors will also find the studio an important resource for their projects. "We expect to produce several significant films for TV and community release each year," said North West Centre Executive Producer Graydon McCrea. "The studio will also maintain close ties with the Native communities across Canada through the appointment of a co-ordinator of community development."

Wil Campbell, a veteran Prairie-based Native producer who has been closely involved in the development of the studio, added "while we intend to reach a general, as well as a Native audience, the Native community is a unique audience as it is often beyond the reach of conventional media, so we'll work hard to develop new kinds of distribution opportunities to ensure that Native programming reaches Native communities, and in turn ensure feedback from those centres to our programming process."



by Sam Keck



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
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OBLATES APOLOGIZE FOR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

For 102 years Natives have annually flocked to Lac Ste. Anne to bathe in waters believed to have healing powers. This year, it was the sight of another healing miracle when Catholic church officials apologized to the Native people for past wrongdoings in its residential schools.

Reverend Doug Crosby, president of the Oblate Conference of Canada, apologized before 4,000 Natives on July 24 during a 90-minute speech that was translated into Chipewyan and Cree.

Crosby defined the residential schools as "an attempt to assimilate Aboriginal peoples" and a "dismissal of many of the riches of Native religious tradition." On behalf of the 1200 Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate he apologized "for this blindness and disrespect."

He went on to say instances of physical and sexual abuse, in particular, "were inexcusable, intolerable and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing."

Crosby, a member of Canada's largest Roman Catholic missionary order that came to Canada 150 years ago to teach Natives Christianity, also said that the Oblates "apologize for the part we played in the cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious imperialism that was part of the mentality with which the peoples of Europe first met the Aboriginal peoples and which consistently has lurked behind the way the Native

peoples of Canada have been treated by civil governments and churches."

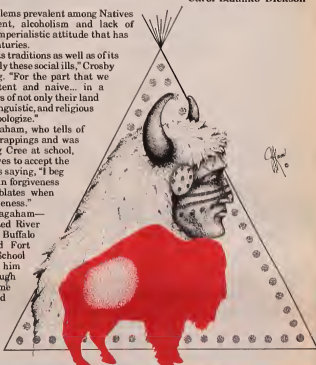
He attributed many problems prevalent among Natives today—high unemployment, alcoholism and lack of self-esteem—due to this imperialistic attitude that has flourished through the centuries.

"Any people stripped of its traditions as well as of its pride falls victim to precisely these social ills," Crosby was also quoted as saying. "For the part that we played, however inadvertent and naive... in a system that stripped others of not only their land but also of their cultural, linguistic, and religious traditions, we sincerely apologize."

Chief Johnson Sewepagaham, who tells of how he received severe strappings and was reprimanded for speaking Cree at school, has urged Canadian Natives to accept the apology and was quoted as saying, "I beg we stretch out our hands in forgiveness and friendship to the Oblates when they have asked for forgiveness."

From 1957-66, Sewepagaham—now chief of the Little Red River Cree Nation near Wood Buffalo National Park—attended Fort Vermilion Residential School and although it has taken him a long time to work through hurtful memories of the time he spent there, he is quoted as saying, there were also a "lot of positive things from the residential schools."

by
Carol Balanko-Dickson



The Reverend Doug Crosby's speech appears in full on pages 54 and 55 of this section.

THE NIGHTMARE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

by Ryan Edwards

During the late 1800's, the Canadian government began establishing Indian residential schools, with the purported objective of teaching Native people to be self-reliant and self-supporting. A less often-stated objective was the assimilation of Natives into white society and culture, and these residential schools thus became one of the worst nightmares that Canada's Native people have had to endure.

The schools were generally run by religious orders. On the one hand, this saved money for the federal government, through reduced operating costs. On the other hand, the resulting emphasis upon Christianity was seen as a useful tool in teaching so-called "modern" values to Native people, who were widely perceived as savages.

Many of the schools were located far from the reserves, or in remote locations, and many children were away from their home and families from September until June. In other cases, the children only returned home at Christmas and Easter, or on weekends.

Conditions at the schools were harsh, and often repressive. For a long time, students only received half-days of instruction, while the other half of the day was spent in farming and housekeeping chores, partly for alleged training for life in a white-dominated society, but also to reduce grocery and maintenance costs for the schools. It was not until the 1950s that many of the farming operations ceased, due to increases in federal funding.

As well, Native culture was rigorously suppressed. For example, children were generally forbidden to speak their own language, and Native spiritual beliefs and practices were discredited. The subject material taught in the classrooms usually had little or no meaning to the Native students, and

the standard of education, as well as ability level of the instructors, was often low. In ways such as these, many Native children were deprived of their cultural heritage and identity and, consequently, of their pride and self-esteem.

Further, strict or severe discipline was the norm in many schools, and there have also been widespread reports of physical and sexual abuse.

Many Native children fled from the residential schools, often only to be brought back, sometimes to strict punishment. And even though many schools were shut down by the late 1960s, the pain and anguish suffered by many of those students still remain. In fact, many Natives and observers maintain that the effects of the residential schools are still being borne not only by many of the former students, but also by their families and children.

For example, Phyllis Nault, Training Team Co-ordinator at the Nechi Institute, indicates that some students who were robbed of their cultural identity and self-esteem continue to suffer from alcoholism, or drug or solvent abuse problems.

In addition, while at the schools, students were deprived of role models from whom they could learn parenting skills, and skills appropriate to their own culture. Moreover, people who were at one time physically or sexually abused are at risk of becoming abusers themselves.

It appears that the long-term effects of the residential schools are now gaining attention in the dominant society, as well. The report of the Task Force on the Criminal Justice System and Its Impact on the Indian and Metis People of Alberta, headed by Justice Allan Cawsey, states that "The legacy of the residential school experience has influenced the children and grandchildren of those Aborigines who were removed from their homes for 10 months every year to be placed in residential schools operated by strict religious orders."

VIEWPOINT

HOLLOW VALUES, HOLLOW COUNTRY by Dale Stelter

In general, the attitudes and actions of a society are very much the combined expression of the values of the individuals who make up that society. It would follow, then, that for the majority of Canadians who make up the dominant society, the values of co-operation, generosity, and caring and sharing receive little priority.

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ues. There has also for much too long been a gross over-emphasis upon materialistic and money-based values, with a person's worth and success mainly defined by his or her income, and the amount of material wealth he or she possesses.

In recent years, the problem has been made much worse by the presence of a federal government which specializes in policies that drive additional wedges between Canadians and foster further self-centeredness and adversariality.

Out of many such policies, one of the most prominent is the Mulroney government's much-touted Free Trade Agreement, which, although passed more than two and a half years ago, continues to have ever-increasing ramifications.

Under the FTA, Canada is inexorably becoming more and more like the United States—or, more specifically, the United States that Ronald Reagan built. Under the Reagan administration, scores of social programs, including many directed toward affirmative action, were gutted or dismantled, ultra-regressive taxation policies were introduced that made the gap between the rich and the poor into a wide chasm, environmental regulations were ignored or weakened, and greed and selfishness ran rampant.

An integral part of the creation of the "level playing field" with the U.S., as required by the FTA, is the inexorable onslaught upon Canada's social programs which, as woefully inadequate as they were, were in most cases much better than those in place in the States. Just as one

example, there are more than 37 million people in the U.S. who do not have any medical insurance, and there are another 20 to 30 million who are underinsured.

The net result is that we are seeing a remorseless attack upon whatever shreds of collective consciousness once existed in this country. For even though mainstream Canadian society could hardly be labelled even mildly compassionate, it has historically never been as self-centered or arrogant and conceited as mainstream American society.

As was indicated previously, the Free Trade Agreement is but one out of many mean-spirited policies enacted by the Mulroney government. To even begin to discuss the rest of those policies would take pages and pages.

There are, however, signs of change looming on the horizon. A number of groups and sectors of the population, which have traditionally favoured the values of caring, sharing, co-operation, and generosity, are saying that they have had enough. These groups include Aboriginal people, women, environmentalists, and labour, all of whom have been neglected by or suffered from the status quo.

More and more across Canada, though, these groups are joining together, and pooling their efforts and resources. The process of change is only in its beginning stages, and there is a long road ahead. But no matter how firmly entrenched a set of values becomes, if it is as misdirected, misguided, and hopelessly outmoded as the set of values that currently prevails in mainstream Canada, it must be replaced.

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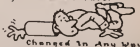
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BANDS TO TRAIN CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

by James Martin

After protracted negotiations, a landmark agreement has been reached between the Getty government and five bands which allows Natives to train their own probation officers and social workers.

The bands involved include the Enoch Band, the Alexander Band, the Alexis Band, the Sunchild Band and the O'Chiese Band.

The agreement will be in effect for 10 years and comes after much discussion and concern that signing such an agreement may infringe, or have an impact on, Native treaty rights.

Signing for the respective bands were Chiefs Stanley Arcand of the Alexander, Howard Peacock of the Enoch, Harry Goodrunning of the Sunchild, Caroline Beaverbones of the O'Chiese and Howard Mustus of the Alexis.

The Yellowhead Tribal Community Corrections Society will be used to help Aboriginal people deal with the judicial system through the use of Natives trained as court workers.

The tribal administrator for the Alexander Band, George Arcand, was quoted in *The Edmonton Journal* as saying the agreement heralds a "substantive" movement by the government.

"It signals our commitment to develop over time and prepare for local police forces or other options."

While the agreement is significant in helping

establish Natives working in the law system and aiding Natives accused of crimes, it is not as sweeping as the agreement with the Blood who have their own detention centre and Native police force.

Solicitor General Dick Fowler praised the bands for signing the agreement.

"This initiative is a reflection of my department's and the Society's belief that the best way to develop and implement effective criminal justice programs and services in Aboriginal communities is through direct and meaningful involvement of Aboriginal leaders and community-based organizations."

The Yellowhead Tribal Community Corrections Society was formed by the bands in question two years ago and has aimed at training five people in the following positions: courtworker, probation officer, criminal justice worker and criminal prevention co-ordinator and administrative support.

A project representative will be appointed by the government to help with training and give advice.

"To be more effective for the members of our five tribes, all programs offered by the Society must be directed by our community and must benefit from the input of respected Aboriginal Elders," said Chief Howard Mustus, adding, "It is through the involvement of Elders and other community leaders that our people can under-

stand the richness and strength of our heritage. Our non-Indian friends must also be aware of this richness of original peoples in the country. In addition we request full partnership status for the development and advancement of our tribal members and for the preservation of our treaties."

Ty Lund, MLA for the Rocky Mountain House riding where the O'Chiese and Sunchild bands are located, praised the Natives for "through their efforts a greater awareness and a better understanding of the criminal justice system will be achieved."

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Four Aboriginal Constitutional Committees to be Formed

by Brian Savage

The federal government is believed ready to unveil funding set at an estimated \$2 million for the four major Aboriginal groups to set up their individual constitutional committees.

The organizations include the Assembly of First Nations, the Native Council of Canada, the Metis National Council and the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.

The Assembly of First Nations was believed to have had the inside track on leading the Aboriginal groups in the constitutional process but the other leaders quickly distanced themselves from Ovide Mercredi's group.

"We don't want to be lumped into one big pile," declared Metis National Council Executive Director Ron Rivard in the *Edmonton Journal*, while Viola Robinson, president of the NCC said her group already had in place a committee studying the constitution, that was farther



ahead than the AFN's.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark had promised to recommend the AFN's proposal to the other Native groups after meeting earlier this summer with AFN National Chief Ovide Mercredi in Morley, Alberta.

An AFN spokesperson expressed regret over the differences between the Native groups but declared "the AFN intends to take the lead in this. If other groups have input that's fine. The thing to worry about is if the government uses the different approaches as a means of disregarding Native desires on the constitution, and I think all four groups are aware of that."

The spokesperson cautioned that without unity "the government can manipulate different reports."

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A TALE OF TWO CITIES

by Brian Savage

When the decision comes down on the exact location of the new women's prison many cities and communities who vied for the facility will be disappointed.

Alberta Native News spoke to two people, one disillusioned—the other still hopeful over their chances at getting the institution.

Chief A.J. Felix of the Prince Albert Tribal Council feels that the concept of prisons in themselves is "all wrong," that "the idea of incarceration is probably a necessary evil but the way it's been handled is what we're trying to correct."

"The only means and ways available for correction," says the Chief, "is to participate in the pre-planning and the location, the family rehabilitation and service accessibility factors."

In response to the announcement that the new prison will be within 100 kms. of either Edmonton or Calgary, Chief Felix says that the council is disappointed that Prince Albert was discounted as a possible choice for the facility.

"The greatest number of incarcerated women come from the prairies, Saskatchewan especially, and the statistics from Kingston, (site of the Federal Women's prison) support that," he remarked, adding that the advantage of Prince Albert would be "the support of family and close relations (as well) as our current ability to promote the community support services."



Felix feels politics has come into play in the decision-making process.

"I believe what happened, the reason why we didn't get the facility, and it's no secret, Edmonton is a bigger centre with more votes than Prince Albert."

Felix adds that all of Prince Albert's MLAs and MPs are Liberals or NDP.

"Prince Albert is not particularly known as a P.C. supporter," he says simply.

But the chief is still puzzled by the apparent failure of their application.

According to Felix, Prince Albert's application was ignored by the government and all letters to the Solicitor General, Doug Lewis have gone unanswered.

"P.A. is a penal city; we have a federal penal institution and also a couple of provincial correctional institutions and also a young offenders' unit."

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WOMEN'S PRISONS TO BE BUILT ACROSS CANADA

by Brian Savage

The Solicitor General, Doug Lewis, has announced a new \$50 million program to build a number of correctional facilities for women convicted in federal courts.

The new prisons will be within 100 kilometres of Halifax, Montreal, Toronto and either Edmonton or Calgary.

Native convicts will serve their time in the prairie facility, a recognition that many of the Native women hail from the prairies and will now be closer to their families than the present prison for women, located in Kingston, Ontario.

Lewis also added that a Healing Lodge will be built near the prairie facility, after "collaboration with Native women's organizations and Aboriginal elders."

Lewis went on to say that further details on the Healing Lodge would be made public in the "near future," but called it "critical" that the facility "be culturally sensitive."

Lewis declared that the new facilities were part of a "comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of federally sentenced women in locations that will bring them closer to home, and in environments that will reflect their generally low security needs, and provide a range of relevant programs and services."

According to Lewis, a decision on the exact locations will be completed by December, and the hesitation over Edmonton or Calgary stems from the number of women inmates from both cities.

"It was about 50–50 in terms of over the last 20 years where federally sentenced women came from, Edmonton or Calgary," said the Minister.



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Tension at the Remand Centre

by Brian Savage and Deborah Shatz

Staff and inmates at the Edmonton Remand Centre are currently undergoing tension and controversy with guards waking up inmates hourly to conduct thorough bed checks.

It was reported in the media that a recent suicide at the Remand Centre went undetected by guards even though they had conducted a number of bed checks. The inmate had apparently stuffed pillows in his bed to give the appearance of his presence.

Guards are now following the bed check procedure to the rule and awakening inmates frequently in response to suspensions and disciplinary actions which resulted from this and other inmate suicides.

According to Karen Brown, a communications officer with the Remand Centre "discussions are ongoing between management and staff" regarding problems at the Centre which is now undergoing hourly, and—according to Maureen Collins, Executive Director of the John Howard Society—sometimes half-hour bed checks.

"It's not a new policy," explains Collins about the bed checks, "it's the way it's been handled that's causing the increased tension."

According to Collins, inmates are stuck in the middle between management and the unionized employees who are disputing suspensions and disciplinary actions resulting from inmate suicides.

Inmates, says Collins, face loud kicks on their doors and lights shone in their faces until they move. The lack of sleep will only add to the already heightened tensions that exist at the facility and the practice is ultimately useless says the John Howard Society Director.

"The policy in place won't prevent cell death; it doesn't take an hour to commit suicide if that's their intention, so it can be a preventative measure it's not very effective."

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees maintains that many of the problems at the Remand Centre are associated with overcrowding and understaffing. The centre, which was built to house 360 inmates, often finds itself full with over 500 and up

UNION CHARGES INMATE DEATH RELATED TO UNDERSTAFFING AT REMAND CENTRE

by Brian Savage

After suffering from a variety of symptoms for five days, Native inmate Wally Opoonechaw died in the Edmonton Remand Centre's infirmary in November, 1990.

The one doctor who had to look after the over-500 inmates examined the Native only once during that time, the day before he died. The doctor determined that it was an alcohol binge and not diabetes that was responsible for the inmate's problems.

However, orders to check the inmate's blood pressure and pulse every hour were never carried out due to a number of medical emergencies and improper staffing levels, according to the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees which represents the guards and nurses at the Centre.

Bill Moore of the A.U.P.E. declared in *The Edmonton Journal* that "staffing levels for nurses have been unchanged since 1979 and it was minimal at that time."

Moore's concern is not shared by Solicitor General Dick Fowler who was quoted in the *Journal* as saying "I have not seen or read anything that indicates a greater number of personnel would necessarily prevent any problem that arises."

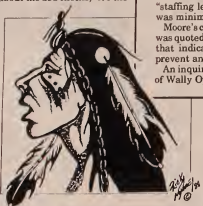
An inquiry report by Judge P.C. Marshall is due soon on the death of Wally Opoonechaw.

to 600 inmates at a time.

As far as the staffing problems are concerned, Collins feels "real pressure" can be put on the staff when the inmate population swells and despite a system of "flagging" inmate files to indicate psychological or physical problems, "it's easy to get lost in the shuffle," declares Collins.

Though minor changes have been implemented or soon will be, including easier access for Native inmates to Elders, more consideration must be given mental health concerns, says Collins, and until then current practices at the Centre are "not (an) effective way to run an institution."

Collins hopes that publicity will focus peoples' attentions on the problems at the Centre and help facilitate needed change.



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FOUL WATER LEAVES BAD TASTE IN RESIDENTS' MOUTHS

by Carol Balanko-Dickson

Residents of Fort Chipewyan are angry about numerous instances in the last month of children and elders being taken to Edmonton for medical treatment. Residents of the 200-year-old community have seen their environment eroding and by September 20 will come up with a strategy of how to deal with environmental issues.

"We have the most virgin territory and yet we're the only community that's forced to boil its water," says Tony Mercredi, spokesperson for the community's 1500 residents, made up of Natives, Metis and a few non-Native. "We didn't wreck the water. Several mega projects are presently happening and others have happened before and are a great cause of the Delta drying up. The Athabasca-Chipewyan Band Reserve is the only reserve in Canada that's getting bigger and we don't have to negotiate for land."

"(Pollution) has destroyed our lifestyle which was hunting and fishing. (It's) forcing our people into a social welfare state. (It's) destroying our cultural and traditional way of life and our health is being affected. Within the last couple of weeks we've had numerous emergency cases where our children and elders had to be sent to Edmonton for treatment due to environment and water problems. We've had to boil water for

a month. When it starts affecting our health, enough is enough."

After Ovide Mercredi, chief of the Assembly of First Nations; Pat Marcel, chief of the Athabasca-Chipewyan Band and Archie Waquan, chief of the Cree Indian Band, held a tele-conference, they decided to come up with a strategy to deal with environmental issues by September 20.

"We are going to be utilizing all resources, including government departments who are directly responsible for environmental and health issues, and economic development," says Mer-

credi. "Those departments include Indian Affairs, Health and Welfare, Environment Canada, as well as their provincial counterparts, including other environmental groups and within two years we hope to put together a position paper."

"Within this time we hope to do our own research regarding those matters and by then, we may go the litigation process for some possible financial compensation. Someone is going to answer for what we're suffering from. Our environment is becoming polluted and we deserve some compensation."



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RIFT FEARED OVER NATIVE BELUGA WHALE HUNT

by Ryan Edwards

Although the issue of environmental preservation often brings Native people and environmentalists together, some northern Natives are apprehensive that a rift may appear over the issue of the beluga whale hunt. According to *The Globe and Mail*, some environmentalists have argued that the whale hunt is threatening the beluga.

In the western Arctic, however, the belugas are still numerous. In the Mackenzie Delta area, for example, there are thousands of the ivory-colored whales, and the Native hunters, as was the case in the past, only take enough whales to supply their modest needs. It is estimated that the present-day hunt only takes about 150 animals per year.

In fact, it is believed that between 11,000 and 17,000 beluga whales swim in the Beaufort Sea. Thus, most scientists, plus representatives of the Greenpeace environmental organization, indicate that Native hunting in the Mackenzie Delta holds little risk for the belugas of the Beaufort sea.

In the eastern Arctic, though, the numbers of the beluga have been greatly reduced by commercial whalers. *The Globe and Mail* reports that even though the Natives take only a small number of belugas, there are no longer enough of the whales to regenerate their numbers. Thus, the Natives and the federal government are working toward stricter harvest quotas that would ensure that the decimated beluga populations can survive.

It was also reported that the Environmental Investigation Agency, a conservation group, concluded in a report to the International Whaling Commission that Canada, Greenland, the Soviet Union, and the United States are contributing to the demise of the beluga primarily because they allow Natives to hunt the whales.



That report received international attention, and stated that "Belugas in the Western Arctic are hunted by the Canadian, Alaskan, and possibly Siberian Inuit. The combined effects are unknown and there is no co-operation between the three countries to prevent over-hunting."

Although many environmentalists do under-

stand the importance of the beluga hunt to northern Natives, it is feared that other environmentalists may attempt to turn the hunt into a much larger issue. Thus, some Natives are reminded of the anti-fur protests of the 1970s, in which the reliance of Natives upon hunting and trapping was basically ignored, and many local economies were devastated.

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U.S. ACCUSED OF KUWAIT OIL FIRES COVERUP

by Dale Stelter

According to a former Canadian ambassador to four Persian Gulf countries, the United States government is holding back scientific information

tion about the environmental damage caused by oil well fires burning in Kuwait. The fires were lit by Iraqis, during the final days of the Gulf War.

James George, who was once Canadian ambassador to Kuwait, told a news conference that the scope of the fires lit during the Gulf War is greater than U.S. agencies have admitted, and that risks to the global and regional climates have been under-estimated.

In June, George led a scientific expedition to Kuwait, on behalf of the Friends of the Earth environmental organization.

George indicated that less than one-third of the more than 700 fires had been put out, but that wells were still spouting oil under pressure, causing the formation of lakes of oil that can

catch fire once again. He said that some of those burning lakes can cause worse pollution than the oil well fires that have been classified as being successfully controlled.

George also claimed that efforts to extinguish the fires are inadequate, and that companies that are fighting the fires want to preserve their commercial monopoly. He stated that the whole world should be sending experts to help out.

George said that because it is so difficult to enter the area, the scientific community is almost totally dependent on United States government data for assessing the situation. He stated that the Friends of the Earth expedition was able to enter Kuwait because of strong pressure from the Canadian government.

George also said that U.S. agencies have refused to release satellite pictures, and have suppressed significant scientific findings.

According to the Canadian Press, the July issue of *Scientific American* reported that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had suppressed a government news release regarding soot from Kuwait that was detected at an observatory at Mauna Loa, in Hawaii.

When asked why the U.S. would attempt to suppress information about the oil well fires, George said to the media that "It wouldn't sit very well in a victory parade, would it?"



MANITOBA WATER AND SEWER PROJECT UNDERWAY

Construction has begun on a \$4.3 million water distribution and sewer system for the Hollow Water First Nation in Manitoba.

The project, which includes a water treatment plant, sewage lagoon, and water and sewer lines, will be completed by 1992.

The project will provide a piped water system and sewage disposal facilities for 53 houses, four community buildings and 30 infill lots. The system is designed for expansion and will make future housing development much easier. The community will also significantly increase its fire protection capability by installing 36 fire hydrants at various locations on the reserve's main line.

Chief Roderick Bushie said, "It gives me great pleasure to know that the completion date, which was originally planned over a three-year construction period, has been advanced by as much as two years. Band members will benefit from these improvements which will enhance the quality of life, health and safety of everyone in the community."

"Under the Native Agenda the federal government is committed to accelerating the establishment and improvement of safe water and sewage services on reserves," said Minister of Indian Affairs Tom Siddon. "The department was able to accelerate this project for the Hollow Water First Nation through Green Plan funding announced in December 1990."

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ENVIRONMENTAL DIGEST

by Dale Stelter

WWF Joins Fight Against Northwestern B.C. Mine

The World Wildlife Fund, one of the largest environmental organizations in the world, is joining into the fight against the Windy Craggy copper mine proposed for northwestern British Columbia.

Reportedly, the mine could create 600 jobs, and contribute one percent of world copper production. However, environmentalists are opposing the mine for a number of reasons. For example, the mine would operate in an area that contains:

- Canada's only population of silver-blue glacier bear, a rare and little understood species;
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The environmentalists also state that the Windy Craggy ore has a high sulphur content, which, through a process known as acid rock drainage, could impair water quality and destroy salmon rearing habitat in the Tatchenshini River.

Furthermore, the Champoigne-Aishihik Indian Band has filed a claim protecting the Tatchenshini valley's traditional status as a Native route from the coast to the interior.

Juice-box Deposit Plan Sparks Controversy

Juice-box manufacturers are opposed to an Alberta government plan to charge a deposit on the juice boxes, and want to see the containers included in blue box recycling programs. According to *The Edmonton Journal*, one manufacturer of the juice boxes wishes to avoid fees paid to brokers, who handle drink containers after they are returned to depots by consumers for a deposit. At present, broker's fees paid by bottlers can run as high as 45 cents per container.

Each year in Alberta, approximately 70 million of the disposable juice containers are used. *The Edmonton Journal* reports that the Edmonton Recycling Society, which collects blue box material on that city's north side, is not anxious to collect the juice-boxes, which contain aluminum foil, cardboard, and polyethylene plastic. The ERS is concerned that the boxes will be mixed in with other items.

At present, the only recycling facility in Alberta that takes the juice boxes is run by Superwood Western Ltd. of Edmonton, which utilizes the containers to make a plastic substitute for lumber. It is reported that a Superwood representative indicated that at Superwood can utilize as many containers as it can receive.

Anthrax Kills Ten Bison in Wood Buffalo National Park

Ten bison in Wood Buffalo National Park have died from anthrax, a naturally-occurring disease caused by a spore which lies dormant in the soil until activated by a combination of wet and hot weather. The area in which the park is located experienced a wet spring, and has recently encountered temperatures above 30 C.

The disease can spread to humans, and, although anthrax deaths in humans are rare in Canada, officials have closed some areas of the park to public travel, and issued caution. One official told the media that the situation was "a fairly serious public health threat."

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by Dale Stelter

and crisis management campaigns, has 50 offices in 25 countries, and has worldwide revenues of \$215 million U.S. The CP also reported the following:

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- When 37 patrons at one outlet of the B.C.-based White Spot restaurant chain were diagnosed with botulism in 1985, Burson-Marsteller helped develop a crisis-management strategy.

According to the CP, Burson-Marsteller's Western Canada vice-president and general manager stated that the company has a well-earned reputation for handling corporate and government catastrophes, but said that it would be unfair to suggest that the current B.C. Forest Alliance campaign fits into that category.

In a period of less than three months, the words "B.C. Forest Alliance" have been heard or seen as many as 9.2 million times by newspaper readers and television viewers in British Columbia. As well, the same words are contained in advertisements on 128 B.C. Transit buses in Vancouver.

The B.C. Forest Alliance has appointed 30 people to a citizens' advisory board, which will co-ordinate many aspects of the campaign, and also make key decisions. The alliance's media-relations director told the CP that only five members of the advisory board are "directly related" to the forest industry.

A Burson-Marsteller employee, who is executive director of the B.C. Forest Alliance, indicated to the media that the alliance's first-year budget of \$1 million is funded by 13 forest products companies. He also said that three of those companies are located in the same downtown Vancouver office tower as Burson-Marsteller and the alliance, but that this will not compromise the alliance.

So far, the B.C. Forest Alliance has produced two half-hour television shows, and has promised that another five will be produced this year. As well, the alliance recently announced plans for a 13-day trip to Sweden and Germany, two countries in which the B.C. forest industry's image has prompted calls for a boycott of B.C. forest products. Members of the media are being offered the chance to join the trip.



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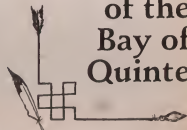
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SAWMILL LAYS OFF 60 WORKERS

by Rick Georg

Procter & Gamble is laying off 60 workers from its Grande Cache Forest Products sawmill 18 months after it bought the mill with a \$5-million dollar subsidy from the Alberta government.

"Procter & Gamble are telling us it's going down because they don't have the wood supply to push through the mill," Mile Pisak, president of the IWA Canada Local 1-207 told *The Edmonton Journal*.

The mill is now being retrofitted to enable it to run with only one shift. The mill had been operating with two shifts. When the mill re-opens on August 12, it will require a crew of 95-100 workers, down from more than 150.

Since the mill was built in 1982 at a cost of \$50-million, it has had three owners.

Pisak told the media that the original owner of the mill, British Columbia Forest Products, was pressured by the Alberta government to build the mill at Grande Cache. The town's economy was weak, dependent on a struggling coal mine.

"The mill was put there basically as a political decision," he said. "But you don't go and build a mill for a wood supply that lasts only eight or nine years. The wood just wasn't there."

The mill would be profitable if lumber prices were higher, Kelvin Mac, Alberta's director of the forestry industry is quoted as saying.

Lumber prices are significantly lower, taking into account inflation, than when the mill was planned.

Mac said that new government relations con-

cerning the opening of lumber mills are more strict, reflecting the current reality of the industry.

The lay-offs at the mill in Grande Cache are particularly painful for the workers because they boosted productivity earlier this year at the request of Procter & Gamble Management.

Workers did a "remarkable job" of increasing production, but two shifts proved to be unfeasible, Eric Jerrard, Procter & Gamble spokesman told the *Journal*.

"The economics had a lot to play in this. We're in a down market."

Union leader Pisak said most of the workers have negotiated away the right to sell their houses back to Procter & Gamble.

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation does not insure company-built houses in high risk areas with the company or the provincial government sharing the risk. Houses are very difficult to sell in Grande Cache.

Procter & Gamble have been unable to reach a risk-sharing agreement for the workers' houses in Grande Cache.



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The city supported the application by giving up land beside another women's penal institute. "They could have been side by side, and possibly the Healing Lodge in between, it's just a super site," declares the chief.

Now Prince Albert's last attempt is a tri-partite letter written by the City of Prince Albert, the Aboriginal community and the Prince Albert Tribal Council to the Solicitor General.

"Everything has been secretive," complains Felix, "and then there has been a couple of changes of ministers in that department."

Felix calls himself "still hopeful" that the Healing Lodge will find its way to Prince Albert but notes that over six months have gone by with no response from the federal government.

Jim Fisher, mayor of Drumheller, is also puzzled over the actions by the government.

"We were informed in the spring that they were going to make a decision in the spring, that was Jane Ashton Miller's selection committee. Now I hear the Solicitor General is calling for submissions to be in by September."

Drumheller applied for the facility for a number of reasons, says Fisher.

"Economics is very high on the list... and our Native services are among the best in the country. The Hobbeas and the Gleichen are quite active with the people here and it's gone quite well."

Fisher recalls that Drumheller's application was quickly put together and presented because of the original tight deadline and despite being told that Edmonton had preference.

One point in Drumheller's favour is the federal prison established there in 1965 and although there was a "backlash" from the community originally, it is now an accepted part of the city.

Land for the facility would be drawn from federally-owned land unused since its purchase in the 1960s.

"The land is all there and some of the infrastructure, probably the heating portion is sitting there, unused since the 60s."

Fisher believes that as many as 28 communities in Alberta have applied for the facility and the mayor estimates the institution would bring in approximately \$3 million in payroll for staffing alone.

Mayor Fisher is hopeful, although he observes that at 140 km., Drumheller is still out of the magic range of 100 km. which the federal government has decreed towns must lie in for consideration.

So for the time being, like A.J. Felix, Jim Fisher waits for the government decision, due now at the end of December.

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ENDANGERED WILDLIFE

by Dale Stelter

The White Pelican

The case of the white pelican is an example of how a species can be taken off of the path toward extinction. Unfortunately, with an estimated 20,000 of the world's plant and animal species becoming extinct each year, this kind of success story is all too rare.

Not too many years ago, the white pelican, an impressive bird with a two-meter wing span, did indeed seem destined to join the ranks of bird species such as the passenger pigeon, the Labrador duck, and the great auk—all of which are extinct. In Canada, the numbers of the pelicans had by the late 1970s plummeted to about 15,000 breeding pairs, where-as there had once been an estimated 45,000 pairs. This decline was serious enough for the species to be classified as threatened.

One of the main pressures upon the white pelican was hunting. The species once commonly nested on inland lakes from British Columbia to northwestern Ontario, and then wintered in the tropics. The decline in numbers began in the early twentieth century, and the killing was often so senseless that one ornithologist wrote in 1937 that "Pelicans are never eaten and their carcasses serve no other purpose than to befoul the air, yet gunners are all too few who can withhold their shot when such striking targets come in range."

At the same time, white pelicans are very susceptible to disturbance, and the adults will abandon their nests if threatened. The chicks are born featherless, and if the adults vacate the nest for as little as twenty minutes, the young may die from overexposure to either cold or heat. Consequently, many chicks may die when a site is disturbed by hooters or a landing party, and if disturbances are frequent enough, entire colonies may be abandoned by the adults.

The white pelicans were also harassed by fishermen who believed that the birds competed for sport and commercial fish species. The truth, however, is that less than one-half of one percent of the white pelican's diet is made up of such fish.

In contrast to the efforts needed to ensure the survival of most endangered or threatened species, the task of reversing the plight of the white pelican did not require elaborate or complex schemes. On the one hand, wildlife officials launched a public education program informing people of the dangers of disturbing the pelicans, and emphasizing the need to protect the species.

As well, by the mid-1970s, white pelican colonies began to come under governmental protection. This meant that many islands, on which the birds nested, were designated as sanctuaries, and off-limits to visitors.

The conservation efforts were assisted by the Toronto-based Canada Life Assurance Co., which has had the white pelican as its corporate symbol since 1847, and which donated \$30,000 dollars and sponsored the World Wildlife Fund's White Pelican Program.

These programs had dramatic results, and by 1987, the white pelican had recovered to a Canadian population of about 50,000 breeding pairs, and was taken off of World Wildlife Fund Canada's list of threatened species. This was the first time ever that a species had been delisted in Canada.

On a darker note, there is one negative factor which has been involved in the recovery of the white pelicans. Over-fishing by humans has reduced the number of predatory fish in some lakes

to where there has been an increase in the numbers of the small, coarse species upon which the white pelican feeds.

Obviously, it would have been much more preferable if, as in nature, one species did not benefit at the unnecessary expense of another. This is but one more example of how thoughtless or reckless actions on the part of humans can upset the intricate but precarious balance of nature.



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LEGENDS

OF NAPI WITH THE GOLDEN EYES

by William Singer III

One day Napi was walking around and came upon a bird who was singing. The bird's eyeballs would come out and stick to a tree and then return to him.

Napi cried out to the bird, "I would like to do what you're doing." The bird told him, "Oki Napi, it's not hard to do, just find a tree with a smooth surface, that's where you will sing. Just don't pick a rough tree with cracks on it." Then the bird flew off, singing away, with his eyes going in and out, sticking to a tree then returning to him.

Napi made a mistake, he sang the song over and over again, then his eyes got caught in a crack of a tree and were stuck.

That is why to this day, if you look closely, you can see Napi's eyes on a quaking aspen tree.



Finally, Napi proceeded on his way blind, but he didn't want to show it. He was feeling his way around as he went along. He was standing

around, cooling off, when a woman came up to Napi and said to him, "I'm right here in front of you, why are you still waving away?" Napi said, "No, I was just waving at somebody over there."

Napi decided to get married but he did not want his wife to know that he was blind.

The wife told Napi to build a lean-to. So Napi went into the woods to gather some sticks and built a lean-to but he lost it because he couldn't see. Napi had built several lean-tos by the time his wife came along. She asked him why he built so many. Napi said "women are very fussy, whichever one you like is the one we'll live in."

Napi still didn't want his wife to know of his blindness.

He gave her a chain of hoofs to wear around her neck. He said they would keep her from getting pregnant.

They sat down and she started to check Napi's hair when she noticed that Napi had no eyeballs. She jumped up and ran away from him. Napi chased after her saying, "Why do you think I couldn't see you?" She broke off the hoofs and threw them away into the bushes. Napi jumped in after the noise.

Napi stood around wondering what to do now that his wife had run away. He hadn't even spent the night with his wife when she left him.

Napi was alone bumping into the trees as he moved along. He would ask the trees, "Where do you stand?" The trees would answer, "Here we are." As this was going on a fox came up to Napi and held something foul up to his nose. Napi sniffed and although he suspected someone was playing a trick on him, he said, "Mmmm, it

smells like my brother-in-law's buffalo jump."

A fox was holding up his infected claw for Napi to sniff. Napi said again, "Mmmm, it smells like my brother-in-law's buffalo jump."

Then Napi quickly jumped on the fox and scarfed for his eyes. He pulled one eye out and



put it into his own eye socket, then tried to grab for the other eye. The fox begged Napi not to pull out his other eye.

"Please, you can keep one eye and see with it, but let me keep the other one." Napi said to the fox, "I did this to you because you've been making me smell your infected claw." So Napi pulled out the fox's other eye and put it in.

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B.C. NATIVES STOP PREMIER'S TRAIN

On July 23rd, Natives from the Lil'wat Peoples Movement, of the Mount Currie band, stopped a train carrying British Columbia Premier Rita Johnston. After a heated discussion with the Natives, Johnston walked away and boarded a helicopter, continuing what critics called a three-day pre-election tour. The Natives then left the railway track, and the train proceeded to Lillooet. Johnston rejoined the train there.

The protesters are trying to protect their sacred burial grounds, located on land outside the Mount Currie reserve, from logging operations. The area surrounding the reserve is the subject of a land rights dispute, as the Natives feel more land should have been included in the reserve.

CARDIOLOGY APPOINTMENT DELAYED FOR DYING NATIVE PRISONER

According to *The Vancouver Sun*, a coroner's inquest was told that a physician at the Vancouver Pre-Trial Center thought that prisoner Robert Satiacum was deteriorating and needed to see a cardiologist, but it took five hours to arrange an appointment. The inquest was also told that it took almost 80 minutes to get Satiacum, a Native activist and hereditary chief from the state of Washington in the U.S., to a hospital after he rang his bedside emergency buzzer and complained of chest pains and shortness of breath.

Satiacum died of heart failure on March 25th, minutes after arriving by ambulance at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. It was reported that an autopsy showed that his left coronary artery had ruptured sometime within three to four hours prior to his death, sending fluid into his chest. Satiacum had been arrested five days earlier in Chase, British Columbia. According to the Sun, he had spent six months in hiding, fleeing a child sex conviction in Vancouver and deportation to the U.S. to face sentencing for racketeering, arson, and bootlegging.



20 NEW HOMES FOR SIKSIKA BAND

Funding has been approved to provide the Siksika Nation with 20 new homes for families, announced Ken Hughes, MP for Macleod on behalf of Elmer MacKay, Minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (C.M.H.C.).

"I am pleased that we can work with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to offer new homes to several families living on the Siksika reserve," said Mr. Hughes.

The new homes will be built under C.M.H.C.'s On-Reserve Housing Program which is targeted toward low- or moderate-income households or to people with special needs. To make rents more affordable to tenants or sponsors of on-reserve rental housing, the federal government subsidizes rents on a monthly basis.

The total project cost is approximately \$1,545,000 with a loan of \$1,085,043 to be amortized over 25 years.

U.S. AND U.S.S.R. SIGN NUCLEAR CUTBACK AGREEMENT

U.S. President George Bush and U.S.S.R. President Mikhail Gorbachev recently signed the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START). The Canadian Press reports that the U.S.S.R. will reduce its overall nuclear arsenal by 35 percent, and the U.S. will cut its arsenal by 28 percent. Some specific weapon categories will be cut by up to 50 percent.

The treaty requires the two superpowers to destroy hundreds of missiles which, combined, carry thousands of nuclear warheads. START also sets limits on air bomber numbers, and on land-based and sea-based missile systems.

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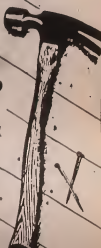


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WOODLAND CREE BAND CELEBRATE 2ND YEAR

by Dwayne L'Hirondelle



On August 28, 1989, the Woodland Cree Band was formally recognized by the federal government as an Indian Band. The band, which is located 94 kilometers northeast of Peace River, Alberta, has 580 status Indian members. Since its creation two years ago, the band has been negotiating with the federal government for a land base. Since then a final agreement was reached to provide the band with a land claim settlement. The chief and council of the Woodland Cree Band signed the final documents in Calgary on August 13 and 14, 1991.

The agreement states that the band will receive not less than 55 square miles of land, money for building of a community infrastructure and economic development. In addition to this, the provincial government has given the band money to educate members so that they may find jobs in the future.

Despite the negative coverage by some media and Native organizations, the band has a positive outlook on their future. Early in its creation, the Woodland Cree, upon consultation with its membership, developed a course of action for its future. The mission statement of the



Woodland Cree Band resolves that:

"We the Woodland Cree Band will develop and maintain a self-supporting community for our children which respects the individual, all people, the environment, and other communities."

It is the philosophy of the Woodland Cree Band to support Native values and culture and to live in harmony with the environment but they also recognize the value and need for planned economic development. That is why during the development of the community infrastructure, the band will be hiring band members so that they may gain experience so that in the future, they will be able to seek out other areas off reserve to get employment.

The band looks to the future with optimism for they have overcome the main obstacles in their path towards a place they can finally call their home.

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Poundmaker's Adolescent Treatment Centre provides an intensive 90-day addictions program for Native youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who are encountering significant problems as a result of alcohol, drugs, or solvent abuse. The centre is part of Poundmaker's Lodge, an Indian-founded, Indian-managed, non-profit corporation. As part of Poundmaker's, it is part of the oldest Indian-oriented inpatient alcoholism and other addictions program in Canada, which was founded in 1973 and has been providing services to Native peoples continuously since then.

Located in St. Paul, Alberta, the Adolescent Centre was founded in 1991 and has been designated Open Custody status, which will allow the Solicitor General's Department to refer any young offenders under its jurisdiction, including those with a disposition of probation, open custody, or closed custody eligible to be changed to temporary release status. The Centre is not a correctional institution, it is a treatment facility.

Initially, there are 30 beds for males living in residence and future capacity for 20 male and female day-attendance participants living within the immediate St. Paul area. Program capacity will be expanded yearly.

Participants are required to attend every aspect of the program, which emphasizes addictions counselling, life skills development, school

education, family therapy, spiritual values, and Native culture and customs. Key components of the program include Addictions Treatment, School Education Program, Family Program, Native Culture/Spiritual Values and Recreational Activities.

The Adolescent Treatment Program is based on the concept that addictions are a disease that is four-fold — physical, mental, emotional and spiritual and that recovery is an ongoing process, not an event. Therefore, the treatment program is viewed as a beginning point in this process. Recovery involves a complete renewal of the inner person, rather than simply changing a bad habit. A requirement in recovery involves providing a program environment in which the alcoholic or drug-dependent adolescent can experience an orderly, goal-directed pattern of living and begin to make sense out of his/her world.

Poundmaker's Adolescent Treatment philosophy and treatment approach is based on the belief that the disease of alcoholism and other drug addiction is of epidemic proportions in the Indian community and that the Native client will respond most positively to a specialized treatment approach that embodies Indian cultural awareness and the philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous.

During the 90-day treatment program, the Adolescent Treatment Program addresses the

whole person in terms of spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical functioning. The program believes that a strong family program is necessary to produce a healthy functioning adolescent.

The program is open to Native and non-Native youths. All clients must participate in every aspect of the program.

To effect change in the lives of young people, they must achieve goals that include:

- Stopping the drug coasumption;
- Detoxifying them from the addictive subculture by changing behaviour, thoughts, and values;
- Socially integrating them back into their families/communities;
- Dealing with their physical and mental health;
- Developing strategies for relapse prevention.

In order to achieve these goals, the Adolescent Centre provides a comprehensive structured program to guide the client through each day of treatment.

There is a high level of energy and enthusiasm among Poundmaker's Adolescent Treatment Centre staff members that is unusual in today's world. The program attracts a special type of employee. From support staff to top manage-

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SACRED TRAILS

by Rick Georg

The Sacred Trails program offered last year at the Alberta Vocational College gave urban Natives in Edmonton a chance to explore their Native heritage at the same time as they upgraded their education.

"The priority was finding oneself," said Fred Burghardt, Chairman of Academic Upgrading

at AVC. "What it means to be Native in this society."

A typical day of the Sacred Trails program

started with a sweetgrass ceremony, Native awareness and life skills, taught by Theresa Strawberry, a former chief of the O'Chiese Band.

The day continued with study of mathematics, science, English and other academic subjects.

"Cultural differences were paid attention to in whatever we did — in mathematics. It wasn't we've done Native awareness and that's it," said Carol Fay, coordinator for the program.

Sacred Trails was started in conjunction with Social Services and financed by the Alberta Career Development and Employment Fund as a one-year experimental program. Of the 27 students that started the program, 12 completed it.

"Social Services found them at loose ends, young urban Natives, not in the mainstream, not fitting into their own culture," Burghardt said. "In one sense, a lost group."

"Before the end of the program the students developed pride in their heritage, not just knowing it, but feeling pride as being part of it," Fay said.

Marcie Potskin, a 23-year-old single mother started the program after working with young law offenders.

"It hurt to see so many Native young people in a bad situation," she said. "Something has to be done. We need some role models here."

"When I was young, being Native was the worst thing there was. I grew up denying I was Native. I never felt comfortable with it. Theresa taught us things, like the moon cycle for women, that filled my heart. I'm proud to be Indian."

The Sacred Trails program was practical for Potskin because as a single mother of three, strict attendance requirements prevented her from completing the regular academic upgrading program. The Sacred Trails program allowed Potskin to obtain her General Education Degree in one year instead of the usual two years.



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ment, many have a common bond — personal experience with addiction. The result is a unique sense of purpose at all levels of the operation.

The Centre employs 22 members to deliver the treatment program and perform the necessary administrative functions. The school program employs an additional three teachers plus administrative staff, who are employed by the County of St. Paul and approved through Alberta Education.

The Adolescent Program was founded on the principle that Native alcohol and drug abusers can be most effectively counselled by other Native people, trained to deal with those problems. For that reason, most of the staff are Native. The small number of non-Native staff are made up of some very special people who are

committed to helping Native people help themselves.

To join the Adolescent Treatment Centre staff requires a commitment to their mission against alcohol and drug use — in body as well in spirit. Since total abstinence is the only solution for the Native client, staff cannot just "talk the talk." They must also "walk the walk."

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The program, first established last summer, was highly successful and created employment in 41 communities for students from Grades 8 to 12 and for those engaged in post-secondary education. A wide variety of jobs were created in-

cluding work in substance abuse prevention, recreational programs, and community clean-up.

The students, who are selected by school principals and education authorities in consultation with chiefs and councils, must be registered in a school program and plan on returning to school in the fall of 1991.

The chief and council are responsible for implementing the program in their communities including the supervision, training and safety of the students they employ.

The program is designed to improve economic and social conditions on reserves. It provides students living on-reserve, who do not have

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ERMINESKIN BAND ASSUMES CONTROL OF THREE SCHOOLS

The Ermineskin Band is assuming control of three federal schools on the reserve for the upcoming school term in September.

The chief and council of the Ermineskin Band will now assume responsibility for the administration and operation of the schools that were previously operated by the department. The schools are: Ermineskin Kindergarten, Ermineskin Primary School and Ermineskin Elementary/Junior High School.

"The Ermineskin Band is proud to assume control of its education program which will enhance parental responsibility and community control," said Chief John Ermineskin. "Ermineskin band members will, through their elected chief and council, have the responsibility to make decisions about the education of their children."

The Ermineskin Kindergarten School provides schooling to children attending K4 and K5 on the reserve and last year's enrolment was 229.

Students enrolled in Grades One to Three on the reserve attend Ermineskin Primary and last year 302 students attended the school.

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The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Canada wish, after one hundred and fifty years of being with and ministering to the Native peoples of Canada, to offer an apology for certain aspects of that presence and ministry.

A number of historical circumstances make this moment in history most opportune for this. First there is a symbolic reason. Next year, 1992, marks the five hundredth anniversary of the arrival of Europeans on the shores of America. As large scale celebrations are being prepared to mark this occasion, the Oblates of Canada wish, through this apology, to show solidarity with many Native people in Canada whose history has been adversely affected by this event. Anthropological and sociological insights of the late 20th century have shown how deep, unchallenged, and damaging was the naive cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious superiority complex of Christian Europe when its peoples met and interrelated with the Aboriginal peoples of North America.

As well, recent criticisms of Indian residential schools and the exposure of instances of physical and sexual abuse within these schools call for such an apology.

Given this history, Native peoples and other groups alike are realizing that a certain healing needs to take place before a new and more truly co-operative phase of history can occur. This healing cannot, however, happen until some very complex, long-standing, and deep historical issues have been addressed.

It is in this context, and with a renewed pledge to be in solidarity with Native peoples in a common struggle for justice, that we, the Oblates of Canada, offer this apology:

We apologize for the part we played in the cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious imperialism that was part of the mentality with which

the peoples of Europe first met the Aboriginal peoples and which consistently has lurked behind the way the Native peoples of Canada have been treated by civil governments and by the churches. We were, naively, part of this mentality and were, in fact, often a key player in its implementation. We recognize that this mentality has, from the beginning, and ever since, continually threatened the cultural, linguistic, and religious traditions of the Native peoples.

We recognize that many of the problems that beset Native communities today—high unemployment, alcoholism, family breakdown, domestic violence, spiralling suicide rates, lack of healthy self-esteem—are not so much the result of personal failure as they are the result of centuries of systemic imperialism. Any people stripped of its traditions as well as of its pride falls victim to precisely these social ills. For the part that we played, however inadvertent and naive that participation might have been, in the setting up and maintaining of a system that stripped others of not only their lands but also of their cultural, linguistic and religious traditions we sincerely apologize.

Beyond this regret for having been part of a system which, because of its historical privilege and assumed superiority did great damage to the Native peoples of Canada, we wish to apologize more specifically for the following:

In sympathy with recent criticisms of Native Residential Schools, we wish to apologize for the part we played in the setting up and the maintaining of those schools. We apologize for the existence of the schools themselves, recognizing that the biggest abuse was not what happened in the schools, but that the schools themselves happened... that the primal bond inherent within families was violated as a matter of policy, that children were usurped

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from their natural communities, and that, implicitly and explicitly, these schools operated out of the premise that European languages, traditions, and religious practices were superior to Native languages, traditions, and religious practices. The residential schools were an attempt to assimilate Aboriginal peoples and we played an important role in the unfolding of this design. For this we sincerely apologize.

We wish to apologize in a very particular way for the instances of physical and sexual abuse that occurred in those schools. We reiterate that the bigger issue of abuse was the existence of the schools themselves but we wish to publicly acknowledge that there were instances of individual physical and sexual abuse. Far from attempting to defend or rationalize these cases of abuse in any way, we wish to state publicly that we acknowledge that they were inexcusable, intolerable, and a betrayal of trust in one of its most serious forms. We deeply and very specifically, apologize to every victim of such abuse and we seek help in searching for means to bring about healing.

Finally, we wish to apologize as well for our past dismissal of many of the riches of Native religious tradition. We broke some of your peace pipes and we considered some of your sacred practices as pagan and superstitious. This, too, had its origins in the colonial mentality, our European superiority complex which was grounded in a particular view of history. We apologize for this blindness and disrespect.

One qualification is, however, in order. As we publicly acknowledge a certain blindness in our past, we wish, too, to publicly point to some of the salient reasons for this. We do this, not as a way of subtly excusing ourselves or of rationalizing in any way so as to denigrate this apology, but as a way of more fully exposing the reasons for our past blindness and, especially, as a way of honouring, despite their mistakes, those many men and women, Native and white alike, who gave their lives and their very blood in a dedication that was most sincere and heroic.

Hindsight makes for 20-20 vision and judging the past for the insights of the present is an exact and often cruel science. When Christopher Columbus set sail for the Americas, with the blessing of the Christian Church, Western civilization lacked the insights it needed to appreciate what Columbus met upon the shores of America. The cultural, linguistic, and religious

traditions of Europe were caught up in the naive belief that they were inherently superior to those found in other parts of the world. Without excusing this superiority complex, it is necessary to name it. Sincerity alone does not set people above their place in history. Thousands of persons operated out of this mentality and gave their lives in dedication to an ideal that, while sincere in its intent, was, at one point, naively linked to a certain cultural, linguistic, and ethnic superiority complex. These men and women sincerely believed that their vocations and actions were serving both God and the best interests of the Native peoples to whom they were ministering. History has, partially, rendered a cruel judgement on their efforts, showing how, despite much sincerity and genuine dedication, their actions were sometimes naive and disrespectful in that they violated the sacred and cherished traditions of others. Hence, even as we apologize for some of the effects of their actions, we want at the same time to affirm their sincerity, the goodness of their intent, and the goodness, in many cases, of their actions.

Recognizing that within every sincere apology there is implicit the promise of conversion to a new way of acting. We, the Oblates of Canada, wish to pledge ourselves to a renewed relationship with Native peoples which, while very much in line with the sincerity and intent of our past relationship, seeks to move beyond past mistakes to a new level of respect and mutuality. Hence...

We renew the commitment we made 150 years ago to work with and for Native peoples. In the spirit of our founder, Blessed Eugene De Mazenod, and the many dedicated missionaries who have served in Native communities during these 150 years, we again pledge to Native peoples our service. We ask help in more judiciously discerning what forms that service might take today.

More specifically, we pledge ourselves to the following:

- We want to support an effective process of disclosure *vis-a-vis* Residential Schools. We offer to collaborate in any way we can so that the full story of the Indian Residential Schools may be written, that their positive and negative features may be recognized, and that an effective healing process might take place.

- We want to proclaim as inviolable the natural rights of Indian families, parents and children, so that never again will Indian commu-

nities and Indian parents see their children forcibly removed from them by other authorities.

- We want to denounce imperialism in all its forms and, concomitantly, pledge ourselves to work with Native peoples in their efforts to recover their lands, their languages, their sacred traditions, and their rightful pride.

- We want, as Oblates, to meet with Native peoples and together help forge a template for a renewed covenant of solidarity. Despite past mistakes and many present tensions, the Oblates have felt all along as if the Native peoples and we belonged to the same family. As members of the same family it is imperative that we come again to that deep trust and solidarity that constitutes family. We recognize that the road beyond past hurt may be long and steep but we pledge ourselves anew to journey with Native peoples on that road.

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